

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

Now that the Community Safety Officer (CSO) Michael Fleming has responsibility for Failsworth, Hollinwood and Chadderton District, the workload can be quite demanding. Therefore workload will be prioritised accordingly.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

This legislation came into effect on 20th of October 2014. This now supersedes the current legislation and provides new tools and powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. This also affects Gating Orders and will be replaced with Public Space Protection Orders.

Alley gating schemes

Gating Order 44 - Shropshire/Nottingham

This scheme is now completed and residents were presented with their keys prior to Christmas by Councillor Fielding.

Gating Order 44 - Hollins Road/Moorcroft St

This scheme is near completion and residents should have keys within the next week.

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

This Gating Order was put on hold due to new legislation being introduced by the Home Office to be replaced with a Public Space Protection Order. Residents were advised of the change in the legislation and that the process to introduce a Public Space Protection Order had commenced. The letter advised residents that comments in previous responses will be considered and will invite any further comments on the proposed Order. Prior to this the original consultation had reached 75% approval; unfortunately the response from this consultation was poor. There is an objection to the scheme and up to date crime analysis which may affect its progress.

Other initiatives

Operation Tuscan – This has now been extended and covers weekdays in addition to weekends. There have been historic problems with youths gathering on the Precinct, Sisson Street (which incorporates TESCO's and KFC) and the Hollinwood corridor. This corridor divides estates on either side which is aligned with several off licences where underage/proxy sales take place. These issues have evolved over a number of years and proven to be a perennial problem to the district. It has also been established that a number of the perpetrators are travelling from neighbouring areas into the district of Failsworth & Hollinwood.

Therefore on Friday 14th November 2014 a joint briefing took place including Police, Community Safety, Youth Detached Team, Licensing and Local Housing Providers, this had been arranged in order to combat this on-going trend. The aim of the briefing was to consider information sharing, intelligence gathering, environmental visual audit (EVA), engagement and enforcement.

After the briefing, teams were deployed throughout identified hotspot areas. The aim was to implement greater engagement to reduce anti-social behaviour/crime, alcohol seizures, increase the number of contact cards were appropriate and the use of the new tools and powers available to the agencies inclusive of dispersal powers which was authorised.

Dispersal powers have previously been authorised on two occasions and not utilised due to good behaviour and co-operation by local youth. Good partnership work is still ongoing and we will continue to review and monitor the issue.

Following on; a new Neighbourhood Beat Officer PC Lee Cullen has been appointed and he is working with the Community Safety Officer and local councillors. PC Cullen has been extremely proactive with engaging with local youths and with the the team have also hosted assemblies at the Failsworth School recently promoting key messages

in relation to anti-social behaviour. This will be followed up with Oasis Academy.

Home Watch – The Community Safety Officer in partnership with the Neighbourhood Policing Team are continually encouraging residents to join a Home Watch scheme. Your local Home Watch Meeting is held on the second Thursday of every month at Broadbent Luncheon Club Lord Lane, Failsworth.

Darker Nights Initiative

This initiative was launched during 16/17th October. A Mobile Police Station was located at Morrisons and Tesco's during this time. The Community Safety Officer with members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team also attended a coffee morning and surgery at Walton House in Failsworth. A presentation and interactive DVD talk on bogus callers was given to residents of Walton House, Zion Church and Earls Lodge in Failsworth. Other crime associated booklets were given out at these meetings. Leaflet drops were also carried out in areas where a high level of ASB has been reported.

Burglary Victims - Security surveys are offered to all victims of domestic burglary, however still relatively low on the uptake. Crime Prevention Advice is published on our social media sites and more information can be obtained from the Community Safety Officer.

ASB – 6 Warning letters have been sent to parents.

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

Crime Prevention Material – The Community Safety Officer has made a request to local members to provide funding for £1000. This is to provide crime prevention and community safety products e.g. segment timers, window alarms, personal attack alarms, shed alarms and signage for victims of burglary and car crime.

Signage for Alley Gates - New signs have been designed which will incorporate 'Do not park in front of these gates' whilst at the same time informing residents to keep them locked. Although it is not enforceable it is intended to pass on the right message to individuals who cause obstruction. A request for funding by local members to purchase 20 signs at the cost of £377.00 has been made by the CSO.