

## **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.

#### **Community Safety Officer – Area Changes**

Due to ongoing capacity issues for the Community Safety Officers there have been area changes. Michael Fleming is now responsible for Failsworth, Hollinwood, Saddleworth and Lees; Phil Bonworth will cover Royton, Shaw, Crompton and Chadderton. The situation still remains however that ultimately all members of the team are a borough resource and can be called upon to work in any area if the need arises.

#### **Alley gating schemes**

##### **CSS 638 – 27-33 Wesley Street**

Consultation commenced and is currently on hold whilst enquires continue with regard to land ownership.

##### **CSS 647 – 39-47 Old Road /2 Hardman Lane**

In progress - residents asked if local elected members would support an alley gating scheme due to ongoing anti- social behaviour issues. Consultation reached 100% support and the gates have been ordered at a cost of £1199.20.

##### **Gating Order 40– Brookdale Street/Oldham Road**

Petition received from local residents regarding the alley gates being constantly left insecure. Consultation was commenced with a view to replace the current Gating Order with a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). Unfortunately the level of support only reached 33%; therefore we cannot proceed with the Order.

## **Other initiatives**

**Operation Tuscan** – This is still ongoing; dependant on available resources.

**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.

**Burglary Victims** - Security surveys are offered to vulnerable and repeat victims of domestic burglary. Crime Prevention Advice is published on our social media sites and more information can be obtained from the Community Safety Officer.

**Social Media** – is a good tool for picking up seasonal threats and messages from the Police and District Team via facebook and twitter.

### **Darker Nights Initiative**

Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures, and by following a few simple steps you can greatly reduce the chances of your property being targeted. Therefore a Darker Nights initiative is launched at this time of year to combat this. Please refer to the police update for further information.

**Intel Meetings** – There are now weekly Intel Meetings held at Oldham DHQ chaired by Inspector Trevor Harrison. This identifies our top targets for criminal matters and ASB issues with a view to enforcement and disruption.

### **Community Safety Cohesion Partnership (CSCP) Meeting**

The CSCP Delivery Group will meet every month and will now be a focussed meeting based on current intelligence products which will focus for our partners, on priority targets for action.

**ASB** – There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour within Failsworth and Limehurst libraries over the last few months involving young people.

This has resulted in a number of warning letters being sent to parents. Four youths have had warning interviews at the police station due to their behaviour. One youth has had an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) interview. This is a voluntary agreement for a youth to change his or her behaviour and receive appropriate support before formal proceedings to apply for a Civil Injunction/Criminal Behaviour Order.

Where a youth is causing anti-social behaviour at school and within the local community the schools participate in the interview process along with any Housing Association if appropriate.

The police in partnership with other agencies/local businesses continue to invoke a policing plan which covers 4 zones and encompasses certain areas which have been identified as hotspots for anti-social behaviour on Friday and Saturday evenings. Officers and partner agencies patrol these areas and engage with the youths.

Failsworth Town Hall is still utilised on Friday evening between 6.00pm and 10.00pm to assist with the youth provision in conjunction with Mahdlo.

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

**Higher Memorial Park** – Over the summer months the park was patrolled by First Response and is now locked at the appropriate time.

**Signage for Alley Gates** – This has now been purchased.