

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.

Police Intelligence Meetings

The police have now introduced a new way of working which introduced a community based way of policing. All the neighbourhood beat officers and PCSO's are on one shift permanently based at Barn Street Police Office with an office located within Failsworth Town Hall. This also includes an Inspector and Sergeant who are solely responsible for this area.

Due to these changes the borough intelligence meeting which was held each Tuesday at Barn Street Police Station will now change to a Police Intelligence Meeting (PIM). This meeting will continue on a fortnightly basis (due to the Community Safety Officer covering two areas) at Failsworth Town Hall with the Community Safety Officer, District Team, GMP, housing providers and will concentrate on issues within the Failsworth and Hollinwood areas. Top offenders and any hot spot locations that are identified, will allow us to develop a strategy to reduce both criminal and anti-social behaviour.

Proposed Public Space Protection Order - Higher Memorial Park

Oldham Council have commenced a public consultation with regard to applying for a Public Space Protection Order within Higher Memorial Park due to complaints of environmental and anti-social behaviour issues. This will affect the whole of the park including the children's play area, football pitches, bowling green, games court and

surrounding footpaths. The council have consulted users of the park including dog owners; this is currently in progress.

Alley gating schemes

CSS 503 – 1-11 Joseph Street, 2a-2b Church Street, 2-12 Rutland Street, Failsworth

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Both these schemes are adjacent to each other and residents have enquired via local elected members of the possibility of installing alley gates due to the levels of anti-social behaviour taking place in the rear alleys. Both these schemes are adopted and require a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to be applied for. A letter has been sent to all the residents affected by this scheme to ascertain the levels of behaviour prior to further consultation.

Other initiatives

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.

Darker Nights

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.

At this time of year your homes are even more vulnerable than at any other times of the year. There are members of our society who want to take what you have worked hard for all year. The lead up to Christmas provides criminals with opportunities to steal; as it gets dark in the mid-afternoon, it is obvious to all that nobody's at home. The lights are off, the TV. isn't on and the curtains are open. Ensure that you have adequate timer switches for a light to come while you are out.

Burglary

There has been an increase in the number of shed breaks within the area with number of pedal bikes being stolen. For further information on how to prevent you becoming a target please refer to the Police District Partnership Report.

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

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

E-Watch is a database created by the Oldham Borough Neighbourhood Policing Team. It is a collation of email addresses submitted to the police by residents and businesses so that Greater Manchester Police can contact you with their monthly newsletter, general information and incidents in your immediate area that you should be aware of. You are also able to email the police with any information you want to pass onto them.

If you wish to be part of the E-Watch database please send us an email titled E-Watch to: oldhamborough@gmp.police.uk

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.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Over the summer period a number of warning letters have been sent to parents whose children have come into contact with the police for various acts of anti-social behaviour within the district.

There has also been an increase in anti-social behaviour within Failsworth library since the start of the school term involving young people. This has resulted in a number of warning letters being sent to parents. A number of youths have had warning interviews at the police station due to their behaviour. Evidence is being gathered on a number of youths with a view for formal proceedings to apply for a Civil Injunction/Criminal Behaviour Order.

An adult who recently caused damage to a computer in Failsworth Library was subsequently arrested and charged with the offence of criminal damage. He appeared before the courts and pleaded guilty and was fined and ordered to pay compensation.

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 hotspots identified within the police report; officers and partner agencies patrol these areas and engage with the youths. Any youths that are identified causing anti-social behaviour details are passed onto the Community Safety Officer to be dealt with as appropriate.

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.