



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(ELMBRIDGE)**

ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

6 DECEMBER 2010

KEY ISSUE

To receive an update from the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership on its work, which is partly funded by Surrey County Council contributions.

SUMMARY

This report seeks to inform the Committee of the activities of the Partnership since its previous report. It covers the period from April- September 2010.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to: Note the activities of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership between April - September 2010.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The partners consisting of Surrey Police, Elmbridge Housing Trust, Surrey County Council, Surrey Police Authority, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, Surrey & Sussex Probation Trust, Surrey NHS and Elmbridge Borough Council have been delivering against a 38 point Community Safety Action Plan, which supports the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership Plan which was approved by the Partnership Executive Board last year.
- 1.2 The Community Safety Partnership Executive Board reported on the highlights of the 2009/10 Action Plan at their public meeting on the 16 June 2010, and launched the Partnership plan for 2010/11.

2 Update on the work of Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership since the start of the financial year April 2010.

- 2.1 The work of the Partnership Action Plan covers a number of activities to
 - Reduce crime
 - Reduce the fear of crime and increase public confidence in the police, local authority and other services
 - Reduce Anti Social Behaviour
 - Provide positive youth activities
 - Reduce the anti social use of vehicles
 - Reduce substance misuse
 - Reduce violent crime, including domestic abuse
- 2.2 The overarching priorities for 2010/11 are similar to the previous year albeit that anti social driving and parking has a higher emphasis of public concern and will be the focus of Partnership activity during 2010/11.
- 2.3 The last six months (April - September 2010) have seen a variety of projects being undertaken:
 - Two counter terrorism events (entitled "Eyes & Ears") for frontline staff, council contractors, ECSP members, and councillors. This increased the awareness of terrorist activities, and how to help combat the threat of terrorism.
 - Held a Public Event on June 16 2010, a chance for the residents and businesses to hear about the Partnership's activities for the previous year, its targets and priorities for the current year, and question the lead officers in each organisation. The audience confirmed the identified priorities of the Partnership.
 - Domestic Abuse Awareness Week took place from the 11th October this year, and to raise awareness of this subject in

Elmbridge a joint domestic abuse and hate crime event was held at the Heart Centre in Walton on Saturday 16th October.

- The three North Surrey boroughs are planning to stage a domestic abuse awareness event in February 2011 which will bring together professionals to share best practice. The event will be held at the Elmbridge Civic Centre.
- Desborough Island security installation. To target harden an area being used for anti social behaviour, a culvert running under the highway was gated and additional fencing erected to prevent access
- Alcohol Awareness w/c 18 October 2010 was promoted by the Partnership and received a lot of media attention, including BBC Surrey. Alcohol information was circulated in notice boards, schools, pubs, libraries, and centres for the community. 2 events at Walton & Molesey Youth Centres were held, with help from Surrey CC's Youth Development Services, Surrey NHS & Surrey Fire & Rescue Service.
- Increasing resident participation in Neighbourhood watch (NHW) - there are 553 Watches in Elmbridge. This represents a 60% increase in the number of watches in the last 4 years 23,000 houses in Elmbridge are covered. The Neighbourhood Watch AGM took place on 8 November 2010 at which the Partnership were present.
- Distraction Burglary Awareness Week took place this year from the 22nd November, reminding older and vulnerable residents of good doorstep procedure if anyone should call. Since implementation of the Distraction Burglary Working Group three years ago, this time of crime has reduced year on year. In an effort to keep it that way regular awareness raising events to the community will be undertaken. This year we held a quiz in each Centre for the Community, and ran the same in the local paper to reach as many people as possible; as well as producing calendars containing monthly safety messages.
- Door UK - delivery of crime & consequences presentations at Brooklands College, 261 students involved.
- Selecta DNA trial launched for 400 households in Walton 19th June and Hersham 2nd July - new technology that allows residents to property mark their belongings, evaluation to be undertaken January 2011. Funding from NHW allowed a further 160 kits to be purchased in August.
- Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership Minimum Standards produced and published.

- Two Youth Engagement Schemes (YES) completed with a total of 5 Elmbridge Young people graduating.
 - Community Action Day held at Walton Fire Station on 7th August
 - Junior Citizen scheme, ran 7th – 23rd June at Walton Fire Station with 1250 pupils taking part. A major sponsor this year was secured enabling provision of a Junior Citizen hand book,
 - Establishment of a Elmbridge Community Safety Fund where those present at the public meeting in June voted for local projects to receive up to £500 funding. Those chosen were, Elmbridge Housing Trust – Stamp out Boredom summer scheme, Lower Green Community Association – after school exercise classes, Elmbridge Schools Partnership – after school dance classes in West Molesey, Sunbury & Walton Sea Cadets – Installation of a fire alarm system, Molesey Junior Football Club – young leaders and referee courses.
- 2.4 Surrey County Council provides £12,000 of funding to Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership for the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach in Elmbridge.
- 2.5 Domestic Abuse Outreach services for North Surrey are provided by Walton CAB via a service level agreement with three Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell and Spelthorne who jointly fund this provision. For 2010/11 the Service Level Agreement for the provision of Domestic Abuse outreach services across North Surrey was been reviewed and updated to focus support on those victims assessed as being at highest risk.
- 2.6 Between the 1st April 2010 and the 30th September 2010 the total number of new referrals was 618 a 22% increase on the same period of the previous year. 545 of these referrals were from women and 73 were from men. The provider reports that the increase in referrals on the previous year can partly be attributed to increased demand as a result of recession associated enquiries.
- 2.7 The Borough breakdown of referrals from Elmbridge using the service was 119 clients between 1st April and 30th June 2010 (Q1) and 197 Clients between 1st July 2010 and 30th September 2010. A total of 12 referrals were made to the Elmbridge Housing Sanctuary scheme during the 6 month reporting period
- 2.8 For 2010 referrals are now also being recorded by ward between 1st April and the 30th June 2010 the highest number of referrals was from Walton North Ward with a total of 27 referrals. Three wards Hersham North, Molesey South and Walton Central were the next highest in terms of referrals with a total of 14 referrals each.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 There have not been any consultations carried out on the report.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Surrey County Council contributed £14,500 towards the work of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership in 2010/11 of which £12,000 was subject to the provision of a domestic abuse outreach service. In addition to which County Councillor Ian Lake has also funded the community safety initiative at Desborough Island through his Member Allocation funds.
- 5.2 The Local Committee has a devolved responsibility for this sum of funding and has agreed that this budget be delegated to the Area Director, who has transferred it to the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The Area Director is a board member of the Elmbridge CSP and monitors the budget accordingly.
- 5.3 The budget devolved to the Local Committee has been reduced from £24,000 in previous years a result of the reduced funding from Surrey Police to the Surrey Community Safety Unit (SCSU). To ensure the continuation of the SCSU the budget devolved to individual CSP's has been reduced and redirected.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Equalities and Diversity is a cross cutting theme of the Elmbridge Sustainable Community Strategy of which Building Safer Communities is a theme.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 As outlined above.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Whilst the work of the Partnership is undertaken in an effort to reduce crime and disorder, it is difficult to measure the effectiveness of a particular project on its own in reducing crime/ ASB during the same year. Below is a table that shows crime types for reported crime for April – September 2009 & 2010.

Reported crime for 1st & 2nd Quarters

CRIME TYPE	1.4.09 – 30.9.09	1.4.10 – 30.9.10	% Increase / Decrease	Number of crimes
Robbery	30	27	-10%	-3
Criminal Damage	750	663	-11.6%	-87
Domestic Burglary	230	233	+1.3%	+3
Non Domestic Burglary	336	290	-13.7%	-46
Violence with Injury	271	260	-4.1%	-11
Other Violence	479	448	-6.5%	-31
Vehicle Crime	449	448	-0.2%	-1
Vehicle Interference	68	40	-41.2%	-28
Serious Acquisitive Crime	709	708	-0.1%	-1
Total Notifiable Offences	3742	3581	-4.3%	-161

8.2 Reported crime continued its slow decrease across this second quarter similar to that experienced in quarter one. We have seen decreases year on year for last three years in recorded crime so it is pleasing that we are seeing even these small decreases for the first half of this year. However the monthly figures for September showed an increase over the same month last year, which may indicate that crime levels have bottomed out and are set to start moving back up.

8.3 Domestic Abuse offences, which were showing a 7.5% increase during the first quarter have fallen away and are now 10.2% down on the same 6 months last year. Public place violence and stranger violence figures remain low indicating that most offences still take place between individuals who know each other and elsewhere than in the street.

8.4 Reports of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

The most significant behaviour reported is rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour followed by vehicle nuisance / inappropriate use.

Reported ASB for 1st & 2nd Quarters for last 2 years, Borough wide

	1 April 2009 – 30 Sep 2009	1 April 2010 – 30 Sep 2010	Number of Reports
Rowdy /Inconsiderate	1762	1592	-169
Vehicle Nuisance	451	612	+161
Total ASB	3260	3462	+202

- 8.5 Weybridge continued to be the focus on increasing levels of calls in the 2nd quarter with figures now showing an increase of 186 compared to the same 6-month period last year. The main categories of calls were Hoax calls to the emergency service, inappropriate use of fireworks, rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour and vehicle nuisance.
- 8.6 Walton North has seen a slight reduction of 63 calls over the 6 month period.
- 8.7 Use of public space CCTV - During the 6 months 1466 incidents have been recorded by CCTV in Elmbridge of which 239 involved the arrests of suspects, 12 of these arrests were as a result of the direct intervention of CCTV alerting the police to the incident. A further 19 incidents resulted in referral for environmental enforcement by the Borough Council. Walton Store radio system was involved in 12 of the incidents during this period.
- 8.8 Use of Anti Social behaviour Orders (ASBO's) - We have secured one new order in this period which was granted against a 42 year old Walton resident who had previously been the subject of an ASBO. On completion of that order his anti social behaviour linked to excessive noise and aggressive behaviour had re started. Following a breach of a noise abatement notice a new order was obtained at his conviction.
- 8.9 One ASBO expired this period, which means that Elmbridge remains with 9 Orders in place. In general the use of ASBO's seem to be working reasonably well, we have seen three individuals breach their orders in the 6 month period and they have been dealt with at court. Whilst the breaches were for committing another criminal offence it is assessed that the previous level of re-offending has reduced considerably. All the individuals are male with 3 aged 15 years, 2 aged 17 years, and 1 each aged 29 years, 38 years, 42 years and 56 years.
- 8.10 Promotion of Pub Watch - We currently have 5 Pub Watch schemes operating in Elmbridge. They are operated by the licensed premises themselves and supported by the Police and the Local Authority and cover the areas of Esher, Cobham, Molesey, Walton & Hersham, and Weybridge.

- 8.11 The pubs and licensed premises in each Watch are able to put forward the names of individuals who have caused problems such as offensive or threatening behaviour to customers or staff or have come to notice due to violence or connected with drugs and if agreed at their monthly meeting can ban the individual from all of the members premises in that area. The ban on some individuals is also extended to adjoining areas if thought sufficient cause. There are currently 27 individuals banned from members premises with 10 of these being banned in 2 or more areas
- 8.12 The bans do seem to be very effective as premises act together to exert pressure on the individual to moderate their behaviour and we have recently had a number of those individuals making requests for bans placed on them, some several years ago to be lifted so that they can resume normal socialising. All licensed premises are encouraged to take up membership of an existing group or form their own in the other localities within Elmbridge where a watch does not exist, however there remains significant work in persuading premises to take an active membership in their Pub Watch as part of their responsible management of licensed premises.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Local Committee is asked to note the work of the Partnership to ensure it is aware of its work and to offer any contributions as to it's future work and offer advice on any area it has influence over.
- 9.2 The Local Committee will also wish to be satisfied that the financial contribution it makes toward the work of the Partnership is being used as intended.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The Elmbridge Local Committee is invited to receive further updates as desired.

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