

**Organisation:**

Surrey Police

**Attendees on 24<sup>th</sup> September (name and role)**

Inspector John Tadmán Mole Valley Neighbourhood Policing Team

**What role does your organisation play in improving community safety?**

Crime detection, prevention and reduction.  
Casualty reduction (road safety)

**What successes have been achieved in 2007/08 by your organisation, either individually or in partnership with other organisations?**

**CRIME TRENDS**

For the period 2006-2007 4147 Total notifiable offences were recorded. In the period 2007/2008 3957 TNOs were recorded. A reduction of 4.6%.

For the financial year to date (2008/09) the reduction in TNOs continues and is down 6.5% compared with the same five month period last year.

**Violent Crime**

Violent crime has reduced by 8%

**Burglary Dwelling**

In the period 2007/2008 the number of burglary dwellings had risen by 42% mainly due to a significant increase in the number of distraction burglaries where offenders targeted the elderly or more vulnerable members of the community and a series of linked burglaries in the north of the district committed by a team of offenders travelling from outside the area.

Surrey police has since worked with SCC Trading Standards, and Sutton & East Surrey Water Company to provide support and information to those

who are more likely to be a target of these offences. The work included the promotion of a theatre production entitled "Trickster the musical" which aimed to bring the crime to the attention of the elderly, the introduction of "No Cold Calling Zones" across the borough and dedicated joint patrols between the police and Trading Standards officers. As a result this financial year Domestic (dwelling) burglaries have reduced by 25% compared with the same period last year.

### **Theft of and from motor vehicles**

There has been a reduction in the overall number of reported thefts of and from motor vehicles in this financial year by 24%, partly due to less Satellite Navigation Systems being stolen. However there has been an increase in the theft of power tools from tradesmen's vans. This is more prevalent in the north of the district close to junction 9 of the M25, indicating that much of the crime is perpetrated by offenders who travel into the county by this route.

This theory is supported by the arrest in the last three months of a number of people from the north London area.

Detail of thefts together with useful crime prevention advice has been circulated in the local press and through trade counters across the district and extra patrols have been carried out by police in hotspot areas.

### **Drugs**

Through intelligence gleaned from various sources and following complaints for residents the neighbourhood team in Bookham identified an address in Beales Road which was being used by local drug dealers to supply class A drugs. Working closely with housing officers from Mole Valley Housing association and Mole Valley District Council, Officers applied to the courts for an order commonly known as a Crack House Closure Order. This resulted in the tenant of the property being evicted and the property being handed back to Mole Valley housing Association.

### **Community Engagement**

Surrey Police have run Neighbourhood Panels for several years now in order to engage better with the community and to seek the views of those who live and work in our neighbourhoods about policing priorities. There are currently 29 active Neighbourhood Panels attended regularly by 445 people. Virtually all of the panels rate youth anti social behaviour, speeding and anti social or bad parking as their priorities. Neighbourhood Officers work with the residents to try to solve the reported problems using a range of measures according to the situation. Officers are then able to report progress back to panel meetings. The panels have been successful in seeking the views of many residents but the force is now seeking to improve community engagement with minority or hard to reach groups.

### **Casualty Reduction**

Surrey Police has worked with Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, Highways Agency and local businesses to run three road safety education days. With the high proportion of motorcyclists on the district main roads much of the focus has been on the A24 and A29.

The Casualty Reduction Officer, PC Wheeler has run 11 bike safe courses with a total of 120 candidates.

He has also held two community school speed watch days involving nearly 50 students.

Community Speed Watch continues and still receives positive feedback and support from residents.

**Have there been any barriers to improving Community Safety in Mole Valley?  
How can the Local Committee Members assist in overcoming these?**

None identified

**What are your organisations aspirations for improving community safety over the next 2 years?**

Surrey Police will aim to continue the reduction in crime and improve detection rates in line with the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) goals.