

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE - TANDRIDGE**Friday 20 June 2008****Place:** Victoria Club, Lingfield**Time:** 10:15am**Organisation:****Surrey Police****Attendees on 5 October**

Insp. Elaine Burtenshaw, Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector

What role does your organisation play in improving community safety?

Providing a more visible presence in communities via neighbourhood policing teams.

Neighbourhood policing is the name of the style of policing in Surrey that allows the police, partners and the community to work together to solve crime and anti-social behaviour and build confidence in the community

Recent successes

The surgeries continue to be a success across the district and have enhanced the partnership work with local businesses

The Neighbourhood Panels are being used by more and more of the community to discuss issues which affect them. In 2008 we will, across the district, have held in excess of 75 panels - a number of them now being chaired by councillors and community members.

For the last couple of years Tandridge has not had a Pub Watch. In all areas we are now engaging with Licensees and a number of them have signed up and soon we hope to have every Public House as a member.

Following a 14-year-old girl being found collapsed in Masterpark Oxted due to excessive alcohol consumption, Police undertook further investigation and obtained statements not only from the parents of the girl but also from other parents who found that their children had also purchased alcohol underage.

The premises found to be selling underage was Tracks in Oxted. With statements from these parents we applied to Tandridge District Council for a revocation of the license. Just prior to the hearing Tracks surrendered their licence.

Work with Tandridge Housing and the successful application for an ASBI against one of their tenants.

On May 25th 2008 Tandridge Neighbourhood team will gain the following additional staff :-

PS Jane Pettett who becomes the neighbourhood Sergeant for Caterham and Warlingham with PS Dan Gutierrez moving across to the role of Community Safety Sgt.

PC Martin Bassom joins the team as Neighbourhood officer for Caterham covering both the Hill and Valley. He comes with previous experience as an NSO.

The recent drug action week 19th -23rd May has seen a lot of activity both single agency and with partners. It has included information stands outside local supermarkets; drugs bus in a school; warrants being executed and lon tracker being used in conjunction with Public Houses.

Aspirations For The Future

To further establish the panels with the community having more ownership and each one to have an independent chair. To engage further partner participation in the panels

To engage and have an open dialogue with hard to reach groups - these include youth/travellers/various ethnic groups.

To work on long-term solutions with both the community and partner agencies in Caterham-on-the-Hill as there are many different parts of the community, home owners/tenants/elderly/young/financial. This work has already commenced with partners and assistance from Surrey Community Action.

To establish shop watch in each of the main towns.

To increase work around 'Design out crime' in areas such as the Raglan Precinct and Caterham-on-the Hill.

To increase Neighbourhood Watch across the district, particularly around National Neighbourhood Watch week: 16th – 23rd June 2008.

Continue the positive work with Tandridge District Council regarding Graffiti Clean-up.