



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

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE
SAFER WOKING PARTNERSHIP**

29 JUNE 2011

KEY ISSUE

To provide an update on the activity and impact of the Safer Woking Partnership.

SUMMARY

This report outlines some of recent progress made by the Safer Woking Partnership in 2010-11, its priorities for the coming year and up to date figures for crime.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Woking) is asked to endorse and note:

- (i) **the contents of the report, the importance of the contribution of all services towards community safety and the progress made in 2010-11**
- (ii) **the decision for funding in item 14 of the formal local committee agenda (29 June 2011).**

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 established arrangements for tackling crime and disorder and promoting community safety on a local basis. The Act established a local crime and disorder reduction partnership (now known as a Community Safety Partnership), as a statutory requirement with the function of auditing and monitoring local incidences of crime, and working together to devise and deliver an effective strategy to address such incidences.
- 1.2 The Safer Woking Partnership comprises statutory representatives from seven agencies: Surrey Police, Surrey County Council, Woking Borough Council, Surrey NHS Trust, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, Surrey Police Authority and, since April 2010, Sussex and Surrey Probation Trust. In 2008 the Safer Woking Partnership and the Woking Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) agreed to work more closely together and now have joint meetings with agreed terms of reference under the umbrella of The Woking Partnership. Reports are provided on a quarterly basis when there is an opportunity for all partners to provide input and comment.
- 1.3 The work of the Safer Woking Partnership supports the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board which takes a strategic overview of Surrey's community safety strategy and is chaired by the chief constable.
- 1.4 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, containing proposals for the replacement of Police Authorities with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners, continues its passage through Parliament. It is envisaged that the provisions of this legislation if enacted would have an impact on the funding and accountability of CSPs.
- 1.5 The Safer Woking Partnership undertook its annual strategic assessment of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the borough in early 2011. This informed an update to the Safer Woking Partnership plan which identifies the key community priority safety priorities for 2011-12. (see Appendix 1).

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Overall crime in Woking for 2010 -11 saw a 0.8% reduction compared to 2009-10. This is very positive considering the difficult year for the economy. Vehicle crime saw a 21.3% reduction and serious acquisitive crime reduced by 4.5%. Dwelling burglary did increase across the borough from 294 to 356 offences, a rise in 21.1% and there has been an increase in serious violence of 6.3%, 34 incidents. It is expected that it will be a difficult year ahead with the spending cuts, however, we will strive to maintain and where possible further

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reduce crime levels. The latest data for notifiable offences from April 2011 to May 2011 is shown in Appendix 2.

- 2.2 The Surrey Police website, www.surrey.police.uk, provides comparison data on the latest figures for different crime types and crime rates relative to other areas and is regularly updated (select Neighbourhood Crime Maps from the neighbourhood page). The Woking neighbourhood pages detail the local policing team and how to contact them, together with information about current priorities and concerns. Information about summer neighbourhood panel meetings is included in Appendix 3 of this report.
- 2.3 The Safer Woking Partnership has two working groups which address behaviour with a detrimental impact on the community: The first is the Joint Action Group (JAG) which examines reports of anti-social behaviour on a geographic or crime type basis and identifies partnership actions to address problems. The Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) focuses on individuals whose behaviour is having a negative impact on the community and agrees approaches to tackling this behaviour between partners. Updated figures for both groups are included in 2.5 and 2.6.
- 2.4 Residents can report criminal behaviour or incidents to the Safer Neighbourhood team on 0845 125 2222, or if it is a genuine emergency call 999. Details of the local team are included in Appendix 3 of this report and can also be found via www.surrey.police.uk.

Partnership successes in 2010-11

- 2.5 The partnership continued to monitor incidents affecting the community. The CIAG started the year in April 2010 with 7 open cases. During the year to March 2011 there were 25 new nominations, and 18 cases were closed. A variety of interventions were used in the cases that were closed. These predominately included home visits, work with education, drug and alcohol support and acceptable behaviour contracts.
- 2.6 The monthly Joint Action Group (JAG) continued to monitor problem hotspots within the borough. These included Woking Park for public order offences and substance misuse; St Dunstan's School for parking issues, anti-social driving, parking and dangerous driving and the amenities centre, Martyrs Lane, for burglary, theft and criminal damage.
- 2.7 The Partnership gave financial support to several projects in 2010-11 including:
 - a) Your Sanctuary (previously Surrey Women's Aid) to provide an outreach service to people experiencing domestic abuse (with Surrey Heath and Runnymede boroughs);

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- b) Life Education Centres - a peer education programme delivered to all primary schools in Woking, which includes substance misuse;
- c) Surrey Fire & Rescue Service Youth Engagement Scheme, which trains "at risk" young people to help them become responsible citizens;
- d) Contributions to salary costs for an Anti Social Behaviour Officer in Woking Borough Council and within the Surrey Police ASB/PPO Unit to tackle reports of anti-social behaviour by implementing a range of suitable interventions, including ASBOs;
- e) Street Angels – a team of volunteers which assist people in the town centre from 10pm till 4am on a Friday night. The scheme went live on Friday 18 February 2011 and the volunteers have formed useful relationships with local establishments and organisations. The volunteers have been able to provide support to a number of vulnerable people over the first few months, providing flip flops, lolly pops and blankets and offering general advice. The scheme is now starting a new recruitment campaign for more volunteers so that they can also go out on Saturday nights.
- f) Eagle Radio - This year long radio campaign ran in conjunction with colleagues from Waverley, Surrey Heath and Guildford with four separate campaigns. The first covered antisocial behaviour (June/July 2010) with two adverts for ASB going out over the breakfast and drive time slots, the second was on domestic abuse (September/October 2010), over Christmas the campaign was around responsible drinking and the final campaign this spring focused on bike thefts 'Lock it or lose it'.

- 2.8 Key police interventions and successes for the year include:
- o By end of March 2011, 23,052 houses, 63% of the households in Woking, had received face to face contact with their local police teams as part of the 'Street a Week' campaign to discuss issues which may be affecting them.
 - o Neighbourhood teams targeted 4192 vulnerable vehicles over the 12 month period as part of Operation Jaguar. This initiative aims to provide police intervention to prevent owners becoming a victim of crime.
 - o Operation Teal, a similar initiative targeting vulnerable houses, covered 1158 houses. Although burglary dwellings rose in 2010-11, we believe this would have been significantly more without these interventions.
 - o A number of police officers and the borough council youth development officer have qualified as Level 1 FA coaches as part of an initiative to use football in the community. This will be used as an engagement tool to target vulnerable young people to help prevent anti social behaviour and build relationships within the community and with other professional agencies in 2011-12.
- 2.9 A number of activities have focused around anti social driving. This includes the countywide Drive Smart campaign to tackle issues such as speeding, bad parking, use of mobile phones, not wearing the appropriate seat belt and other road traffic offences. Park Smart Days have begun with pupils placing their own "parking" tickets on the

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window screens of drivers parking inconsiderately outside of their school. The next borough REED day is planned for 22 July 2011. In addition, significant work has been carried out by the local Policing team supported by Community Speed Watch and School Speed Watch programmes.

- 2.10 The Safer Woking Partnership held a series of community action days under the banner Operation Quake in local neighbourhoods to target anti-social behaviour. Events took place in Barnsbury, Sheerwater, Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford. In addition, Domestic Abuse Awareness Week and 'Light up the Night', which highlighted night time safety activities, took place in the autumn.
- 2.11 The Prevent strategy forms one of four strands of the UK Government's Counter-Terrorism strategy and aims to disrupt extremist organisations from operating within our communities. Funding made available via the Prevent programme in Woking has supported a number of activities in 2010/11. These included a community leadership development programme, internet safety awareness workshops, the employment of a community cohesion officer at Bishop David Brown School and the football coaching programme outlined in 2.8.

Updated partnership plan for 2011-12

- 2.12 The Safer Woking Partnership's priorities for 2011/12 are anti-social behaviour, crime, drugs and alcohol and reducing reoffending. These have been set out in more detail in Appendix 1. Many of the campaigns highlighted above will run again next year. Priorities will also be addressed through actions at JAG and CIAG and through mainstreamed service delivery including direct service provision and enforcement activity, training and outreach in targeted areas. All major projects will be backed up by communications activities to ensure local residents are aware of the steps being taken to support community safety priorities. A full copy of the plan is available via http://www.woking.gov.uk/community/safety/priorities/safer_woking

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Surrey Police conduct regular neighbourhood panel meetings at local level with members of the public, as part of the neighbourhoods' agenda. They are supported by the local Neighbourhood Officers from Woking Borough Council. Details of forthcoming panel meetings and neighbourhood officers are laid out in Appendix 3.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Surrey County Council has made available £14,500 per borough district for use in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnerships. The Local Committee will be asked to:
- Agree that the community safety funding [£2500] be transferred to the Community Safety Partnership,
 - Agree that the Community Partnership Manager manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the Local Committee's decision.
 - Note that the funding of £12,000 which is ring fenced for the use of the crime and disorder partnerships subject to DA outreach being provided, will be paid to the Surrey Community Safety Unit who are now managing and administering the funding to the Domestic Abuse Outreach providers in Woking.
- The decision on this funding will be taken under item 14 of the formal local committee agenda on 29 June 2011.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The CSP funding contributes to a domestic abuse outreach service provided under a service level agreement with Your Sanctuary. Support and signposting is provided to people, referred by the police and other local agencies, or self referrals, who have experienced various types of domestic abuse.
- 5.2 Steps are taken to ensure that the Neighbourhood Panel meetings are accessible for all and hard to reach groups are targeted. Surrey Police has a minicom number - 01483 53 99 99.
- 5.3 Incidents of hate crime are monitored carefully by Surrey Police.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The community safety implications are implicit in the report.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Members are asked to endorse the contribution of all services towards community safety and note progress made.

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APPENDIX 1 – Partnership Plan Priorities for 2011/12

Priority	Detail
1	<p>Anti-social behaviour (ASB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address hotspot locations of ASB, particularly repeat locations and especially in priority place areas • Reduce anti-social driving • Be proactive in dealing with youth disorder • Tackle perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour
2	<p>Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce burglary dwellings by 3% over 3 years • Reduce theft from vehicles* by 3% over 3 years • Tackling domestic abuse is a key priority recognised county wide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raise awareness of domestic abuse, how to report it and how to get support ○ Reduce the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse, measured using the MARAC data
3	<p>Drugs and Alcohol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support appropriate partnership work that will address the priorities in the Surrey Alcohol Strategy, such as providing alcohol awareness sessions • Reduce drug and alcohol related crime against the baseline of the Strategic Assessment 2010 • Create and ensure the borough has a clear and relevant plan for the night time economy, in particular for the town centre, including developing the Street Angels project
4	<p>Reducing reoffending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to support the MARAC, PPOMP, MAPPA and CIAG processes • To actively work with offenders that fit the PPO and NPO criteria to reduce re-offending • As an IOM Multi-agency team prioritise and coordinate interventions to reduce re-offending with offenders causing most harm or nuisance in the local community • To target and work with 'Through the gate' (TTG) cases to reduce the number of short term custodial sentences and re-offending.

Note *:

The Strategic Assessment highlighted that there had been a significant decrease in theft from motor vehicles (TFMV). However the police report noted the following:
 “Despite the reduction in TFMV during the last 12 months, it remains one of the borough’s highest crime types. Goldsworth Park, Byfleet and Mount Hermon are the hotspots for TFMV with each location being affected in equal proportions. Theft of various items from insecure motor vehicles parked on driveways overnight in the Goldsworth Park area was identified as a main series during this year.”

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It was therefore concluded that this needed to remain one of our crime priorities.

The partnership will work to achieve the reduction in burglary dwelling and vehicle crime but it should be borne in mind that nationally it has been recognised that in the current economic climate, and similar historic occasions, that serious acquisitive crime is likely to rise. However the partnership will aim to do all it can to deal with that trend.

APPENDIX 2 - Notifiable offences

Borough Level
Financial Year to Date: April 2011 to May 2011
Woking

CRIME for Woking fytd (Mar-2011)

Category	FYTD Mar 10	FYTD March11	%
Criminal damage	1300	1168	-10.2%
Domestic burglary	294	356	21.1%
Drug offences	301	269	-10.6%
Fraud and forgery	206	181	-12.1%
Violence with injury	542	576	6.3%
Non-domestic burglary	377	379	0.5%
Other criminal offences	118	126	6.8%
Other violence against the person	987	1069	8.3%
Robbery	26	46	76.9%
Serious Sexual offences	59	65	10.2%
Theft (other than vehicle) & handling stolen goods	1439	1503	4.4%
Vehicle crime (excluding interference)	574	452	-21.3%
Vehicle interference and tampering	56	47	-16.1%
Serious Acquisitive	894	854	-4.5%
Serious Violence and acquisitive	1436	1430	-0.4%
TNO	6306	6253	-0.8%

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APPENDIX 3 - Neighbourhood Police

Surrey Police website: www.surrey.police.uk and follow the link to your neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Police details

Sheerwater	PC Sharon Simister
Byfleet, West Byfleet, Pyrford	PC Kirsty Hobbs
Maybury	PC Stuart Linnell and PC Chris Latter
Old Woking	PC Robbie Mitchelson
St. Johns	PC Clare Leggat
Woking Town	PC Jo Wright and PC Chris Potts
Knaphill	PC Craig Robinson
Horsell	PC Josh Parish
Goldsworth Park	PC Chris Grantham and PC Emma Barrett

Neighbourhood Sergeants:

PS Andy Grapsas – Eastern Area
PS Dave Griffiths – Central Area
PS Mark Bridge – Western Area
PS Chris Smith – Neighbourhood Support Team

To contact Neighbourhood Officers please use the following generic number and email address: Tel: 0845 125 2222
SNTwoking@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Dates of Neighbourhood Panel Meetings

Sheerwater

Wednesday 28th September 2011 at 7.30pm at Parkview Centre, Blackmore Crescent

Byfleet

Tuesday 26th July 2011 at 7.30pm at Byfleet Village Hall, High Road

West Byfleet

Wednesday 17th August 2011 at 7.30pm In the Dora Honor Room, St. Johns the Baptist Church, Campshill Road

Pyrford

Wednesday 28th September 2011 at 7.30pm at Pyrford Village War Memorial Hall, Coldharbour Road

Maybury West

Tuesday 12th July 2011 at 7.30pm at The Maybury Centre, Boardschool Road

Maybury East

Thursday 21st July 2011 at 7.30pm at ARCH, Alpha Road, Maybury

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Mount Hermon East

Thursday 28th July 2011 at 7.30pm at The Christian Science Church,
Heathside Road

Old Woking

Wednesday 20th July 2011 at 7.30pm at Community Centre, Sundridge
Road, Kingfield

St. John's

Monday 1st August 2011 at 7.30pm at St. Johns Memorial Hall, St Johns

Woking Town

Thursday 14th July 2011 at 7.30pm at the Coign Church, Church Street West

Knaphill

TBC – please refer to Surrey Police Website

Horsell – Wednesday 10th August 2011 at 7.30pm at Horsell Village Hall

Goldsworth Park

TBC – please refer to Surrey Police Website