

SAFER GUILDFORD PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

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COMMUNITY SAFETY QUARTER TWO PROGRESS UPDATE 2013

SUMMARY

This report contains headline information on progress and successes in quarter one and two of 2013 to 2014. It also highlights any issues or barriers where appropriate.

1. Background

This report details current and emerging issues that are affecting the borough of Guildford within the framework and overarching priorities of the Safer Guildford Partnership Plan 2011 – 2014:

- Promoting Confidence
- Reducing and Preventing Crime
- Reducing Re-offending

2. Thematic Performance and Monitoring 2013/14

1. Crime
2. Casualty Reduction Group
3. CIAG
4. JAG (Place)
5. Town Centre Disorder
6. Supported Families
7. Reducing Re-offending

	On target
	Caution
	Risk

1. Key Crime Types	2011/12 actual	2012/13 actual	2013/14 target	2013/14	
				FYTD Jun13	FYTD Sep13
Violence against the person	1676	1401	1300	342	663
Alcohol related violence (All of Borough)	675	612	590	140	260
Vehicle related crime	798	696	650	154	284
Dwelling burglaries	402	444	400	105	177
Metal thefts	133	58	50	12	18
Domestic Violence	481	531	450	125	244

Total no offences (TNO)	9036	7814	7750	1990	3734
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3. Overview

The Key Crime type figures are in a healthy position across the board. Particularly of note is the significant reduction in **Metal thefts** and a combination of price of metal and changes in the law (further changes in legislation requiring dealers to be licensed was enacted this week, which should have further positive impact).

3.1 Vehicle related crime is also in a healthy position, last year's initiatives saw several significant arrests of western offenders, with crime prevention work also having a positive impact. The borough is still vulnerable to opportunist offenders taking advantage of insecurities; (vehicles left unlocked with electrical items such as sat navs left inside). Arrests following the execution of warrants in July revealed local handlers of stolen goods where a large quantity of stolen items were recovered.

3.2 Violence continues to present as a difficult crime type to reduce. Whilst there has been significant success in the town in reducing violence the wider borough is at risk. Work is currently being done to try and identify vulnerable/repeat areas to target. Much violence is domestic related across the borough (with and without alcohol being a factor). The town centre figures reduction is having an overall impact of keeping the borough's figures stable.

3.3 Dwelling burglary figures as a whole are currently down by 19% when compared to this time last year. There have been few identified series across the borough, with sporadic offences occurring in each area of the borough. Of particular note is that Park Barn and University figures have been dramatically reduced due to the proactive work and crime prevention work that was done last year in anticipation of the rise that normally occurs in that area (when the student population returns to campus). Similar work will be done this year. Further significant reductions have occurred in Ash Wharf (which has seen increased Police presence due to the Sec 30 Anti-social behaviour dispersal order being in place). Rises in burglary numbers have occurred in the areas of Stoughton, Merrow, Burpham, Slyfield and Bellfields. Operation Candlelight commences again from 14th October, which focuses on a number of proactive and reactive initiatives and crime prevention work being done in vulnerable areas. Burglary is predicted to rise over this quarter. Surrey Police will be working hard in the coming months to prevent/and detect more of these offences.

Burglary non-dwelling has increased this year (over 11%) – and the figures were high for this crime type last year. The east of the borough is most badly affected (as is the west Ash/Normandy/Pirbright area), and work is being done with crime prevention and proactive initiatives being undertaken. Traditionally this rises April to Sept with sheds being targeted for garden equipment etc. Sheds are poorly secured and often left unlocked. Property is not marked/photographed and security codes not recorded which makes it difficult to identify losers of stolen property when it is recovered (warrants in the borough have found significant amounts of bicycles and lawnmowers etc).

The total number of offences are currently down yet again this year to date.

4. Place Group (JAG)

4.1 Specific Places Group Reduction Priorities 2013/14:

- Antisocial Behaviour
- Burglary Dwelling

- Speeding and Antisocial Driving
- Violence Against the Person (including Alcohol Related Violence)

Performance Measurement	2011/12	2012/13	Target (2013/14)	13/14 FYTD Jun13	13/14 FYTD Sep13
Anti-social behaviour	7280	5992	5750	1440	3023
Graffiti and Criminal Damage	1544	1288	1250	318	586
Dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter (The percentage of people who agree that the police and local council are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime that matter in their areas.)	57.2%	55.5%	57%	60%	TBC

4.2 The place group has been focussing on the continued ASB in the Ash Wharf area of the borough. In April a Section 30 Dispersal Order was authorised and implemented. Since that time there has been a significant reduction in ASB, and there has been tremendous positive feedback from the public in response to the actions taken by the partnership. There is however, work to do. Community cohesion activities are planned to help build relationships. There does remain a core group of youngsters who remain 'hard to reach' and difficult to engage with. They have as might be expected become subject of the criminal justice system, and restorative interventions continue. These few are now referred to CIAG – and efforts continue to improve behaviour through engagement with other agencies. This work is in infancy, whilst other interventions have been taking place – and the Sec 30 is very much still required in the area whilst this work continues. (It is due to expire on 10th November). On the whole the youngsters in ash that had previously been involved in ASB are making better behaviour choices – but there are lapses, which mean that the work that is being done must continue for now. Certainly half term and Halloween/Fireworks night is regularly a problem and is upon us this year! There is a slight displacement into Winchester Road (where some of the individuals noted above reside), and work is now being done to try and reduce the impact on residents affected by behaviour, as well as work with the families in the road whose children are involved in the ASB to reduce that impact.

4.3 UK Skunkworks is another issue that continues to cause concern. Trading standards have stalled in their prosecution and barristers continue to deliberate upon the evidence obtained and actions they intend to take. The local team continue to collate evidence to build their own ASB case and follow up reported incidents of concern (several people have collapsed and required medical intervention); in order to seek avenues to prosecute. Much of the ASB in the area is not linked closely enough to the premise itself. Residents in the area of Haydon Place and Sandfield Terrace continue to suffer (and report) incidents of concern via Police and local councillors. The community centre is a focus for ASB/ illegal and NPS (novel psychoactive substance) taking in this area – as well as other associated criminality. Local stakeholders have been having meetings to jointly improve things, but the area is run down. Although due for re-development - this has also stalled. Improved security of the development site; better CCTV coverage; and ongoing ASB case building would improve matters and this is the focus of the group going forward.

4.4 ASB in Lime Grove, Belfield has been removed from the agenda following a reduction in incidents.

5. Community Incident Action Group (CIAG)

5.1 This group has suffered through the lack of attendance of key stakeholders of late, but which has improved over the last 3 months. There have been some positive outcomes/interventions which saw the group work together to remove a vulnerable male being forced into criminality by an organised group; he was suffering violence and theft, and committing crime himself at their behest. He has been successfully relocated and is receiving help for his addictions and has avoided becoming involved in criminality (being caught at least!) to date.

5.2 CIAG cases for quarter one and two are broken down as follows:

	April	May	June	July	August	September
Female Juveniles	1	1				
Male Juveniles	2	2	2	2	2	2
Adult Females						3
Adult Males	1	1	1	1	1	
Total on agenda	4	4	3	3	3	5*

*Twelve additional cases discussed involved in the Ash Section 30.

5.3 As mentioned three new nominations have come to the group to work with (perhaps indicative of the restoration of faith that the group has the right decision makers around the table to make positive interventions). It is hoped that the group can assist the place group with those involved in criminality as disorder in Ash.

6. Guildford Town Centre Disorder Group

6.1 Specific Town Centre Disorder Priorities 2013/14:

- Delivering a safer town centre
- Reduce the adverse impact of the night-time economy on the people and infrastructure of Guildford Borough
- Support to the Local Licensing Committee in providing evidence in relation to matters of disorder, people coming to harm and other risks associate with the night-time economy.

Performance Measurement	Baseline 2012/13	Target 13/14	FYTD Jun13	FYTD Sep13
Alcohol related violence Guildford Town Centre	252	250	54	90
Incidents ASB Town Centre	1071	950	249	472
Premises Enforcement Action	5	5	2	TBC
Alcohol Related A & E Admissions*	100	90	24	TBC

6.2 The excellent work of this group continues. Improved communication and clear directions and expectations fed back to the stakeholders have led to a significant reduction in Town Centre violence and ASB. Alcohol related violence is much reduced, and the licensing trade have been persuaded to implement initiatives (such as the latest entry policy) across the town. Guildford Pub Watch has become more involved in the delivery of education messages and has attended Fresher's this year. 'Best Bar None' and 'Behave or be Banned' are other initiatives ongoing. The use of taxi marshals has improved the hotspot area at the bottom of town and the group identify key periods when extra resources (security staff/police/marshals etc.) are needed. Enforcement action (Police led reviews and objections) have seen reductions of ASB and violence at fast food outlets in the town.

6.3 The group is now working with the Business Improvement District and Guildford Borough Council Licensing and others to assist in bringing Purple Flag to Guildford.

6.4 Taxi space/ranks and the lack of improvements of same are inhibitive.

6.5 The cleanliness of the town needs improving (litter/vomit and urine) to lessen the impact of the high-time economy on the people and infrastructure of Guildford. There is work for the group to do here.

6.6 Extra Police and security staff has been available for Fresher's week, as it was last year, which did not see the expected rise in violence. Figures look promising this year too.

6.7 There has traditionally been a spike in July for the violence figures and during 'Guildfest' weekend, in particular the town has suffered badly. This year the alcohol related violence figures dropped for July. The lack of camping at this year's music event (as well as the event attracting a different demographic) has meant that the crowds were more transient and the town less affected. In short, this year's alcohol related violence figures are significantly improved.

7. Casualty Reduction

Targets	2008 actual	2009 actual	2010 actual	2011 actual	2012 actual	2013 target
1. NI 47: Reduce the number of people (including children) killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents in Guildford borough (including pedestrians and those travelling in vehicles)	83	81	76	99	98	80
2. Reduce the number of people slightly injured in road traffic accidents in Guildford Borough	882	839	674	781	772	730
3. Percentage of people in Guildford who are confident that the Police in their neighbourhood would deal with speeding motorists and anti-social driving (measured by the Joint Neighbourhood Survey – Rolling Year Results)		67.6% (Jan to Mar)	67.5% (Jan to Mar)	72.1% (Jan to Mar)	70.3% (Jan to Mar)	71%

7.1 The Casualty Reduction Group has supported a successful summer of road safety education and awareness.

7.2 Junior Citizen's ran for two weeks at Guildford Fire Station (10-21 June) and was strongly supported by agency partners and local members. Over 1,200 pupils from local schools attended the sessions. For 2014, the Sea Cadets premises on Dapdune Wharf will be the venue and it is anticipated the partnership will be able to host more schools and engage a greater number of children.

7.3 Safe cycling remains a priority for the CRG. In July, Surrey Police continued to deliver a series of Cycle Education Days offering safer cycling advice direct to cyclists using North Street and the High Street. Using Drive Smart resources the Police led a successful high profile public information stand highlighting safe cycling when the Tour of Britain reached Guildford on 21 September.

7.4 Planning is well underway for Road Safety Week (18-22 November). The theme for 2013 will be 'tune in' to road safety and avoid distractions whilst using the road. The local schedule will include a full programme of engagement with local schools and young peoples groups. In addition, this year the CRG is contacting our local parish councils, residents associations, Community Speed Watch and Neighbourhood Watch groups to encourage participation and offer support to local awareness raising initiatives.

7.5 The development of new Community Speed Watch groups will be cross-referenced to the CRG's Problem Profile of priority roads. The roads are prioritised most often due to frequency of recorded speeding.

7.6 The CRG will take an active role in reviewing and feeding back on Guildford Local Committee's Speed Plan.

7.7 The KSI and slight injury figures for Guildford remained high for 2012. The county-wide Road Safety Group has invited the Chair of the Guildford CRG to attend future road safety meetings in order to better understand the figures and to determine if we might influence the numbers as a local group, focus partner efforts at a local level and provide a link to county-wide initiatives.

8. The Family Support Programme

8.1 The Family Support Team has been in place since the April 2013. Referrals are regularly being received from various agencies including Children's Services, Schools, Education Welfare, Probation Service, JCP and Housing.

All referrals go to a multi agency panel made up of lead professionals from partner agencies. This panel decides if teach family meet the referral criteria and a lead agency is identified. Each of the four co-ordinators in post is currently managing up to five family cases at any one time. They have just handed over their first cohort of families to the 'Team around the Family' after 12 weeks of intensive whole family support.

9. The Junior Citizen Scheme 2013/14

9.1 The scheme was extremely successful this year. Over twelve hundred year six students (aged 11) attended the scheme at Guildford Fire Station. Workshops were provided by Guildford Borough Council, Surrey Police, RNLI, Surrey Fire & Rescue and St John Ambulance.

9.2 Over the last two-year's The Safer Guildford Partnership has used the scheme as its priority engagement opportunity with this age group. Workshop themes and content were tailored to meet current need and to ensure we deliver our strategic aims. This year's workshops were:

- Risky Decision Making
- Home Fire Safety
- Dogs
- Road Safety
- Water Safety
- Internet Safety/Cyber Bullying
- How to make a 999 Call
- First Aid
- Play and Countryside Safety

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