

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL**3 September 2008****Attendance:****Winchester City Council Councillors:**

	Nelmes (Chair)	
	Pearce (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) (P)	
Fall		Worrall
Mather (P)		

Deputy Members:

Councillor Berry (Standing Deputy for Councillor Worrall)

Winnall Representative:

Mr Merrett (P)

Highcliffe Representative:

Mr Cassidy (P)

Littleton and Harestock Parish Council:

Mr Parker (P)

Olivers Battery Parish Council:

Mrs Cope (P)

Winchester City Centre Partnership

Mr Wilson

Police Representatives:

PSCOs Alex Fortune and Warren Carne
PS Colin Bulpett and PC Richard Mathews

Observers:

Councillor Cooper (Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety)
Mrs Tuddenham (Community Safety Manager, Winchester City Council)

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Pearce be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel for the remainder of the 2008/09 Municipal Year and, in the absence of the Chairman Councillor Nelmes, take the Chair for this meeting.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held 9 July 2008, be agreed as a correct record.

3. **MAP ILLUSTRATING THE WINCHESTER POLICE BEAT AREAS**

The Panel noted the map illustrating the Winchester Police Beat Areas and requested that it be available at future meetings for reference.

4. **BEAT 1 STATISTICS**

The Panel made the following the comments regarding the Beat 1 statistics, which had been distributed prior to the meeting:

- That the incidences of anti-social behaviour had reduced during the summer due, perhaps, to the success of the alcohol exclusion zones, the new student union, the student holiday period and the Police's high visibility approach.

5. **REVIEW OF ACTIONS AGAINST PREVIOUS PRIORITIES FOR BEAT 1**

It was explained that the Police had undertaken speed checks on St Cross and an educational operation for drivers on Southgate Street with good results. In addition, regular bus-lane operations had been undertaken in the Silverhill area.

In relation to tackling rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour, the Police had undertaken high visibility operations in The Square and Abbey Gardens.

In relation to tackling criminal damage, Sergeant Bulpett explained that these had reduced in number and he had asked PCSOs to include in their patrols the minor roads, such as St Peters Street, Colebrook Street and the car parks.

6. **BEAT 1: NEW PRIORITIES**

Following discussion, the Panel agreed the following priorities:

1. Road Traffic Accidents
2. Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour
3. Non-Dwelling burglaries (plain clothes operations to tackle theft from shops)

7. **BEAT 2 STATISTICS**

The Panel made the following comments regarding the Beat 2 statistics, which had been distributed prior to the meeting:

Mr Merrett's comments:

- The difficulties of catching anti-social behaviour suspects in Imber Road, given the number of exits to the road.
- That the problem of dog fouling had improved significantly.
- That there was a fault with the lighting on Garbett Road, which had yet to be rectified.
- That there were incidences of egg throwing.

- That the razor-wire fencing had been broken at the Old Laundry Site (near the Vauxhall Dealership in Winnall), which was dangerous given the number of wooden pallets stored at the site.
- That there had been numerous incidences of near-blatant drug dealing in the Imber Road/Garbett Road area, which should be tackled by a plain clothed Police operation.

Mr Cassidy's comments:

- That tackling drug and alcohol useage should remain the top priority, as this would reduce other statistics.
- Litter remained a problem and Mr Cassidy questioned how many people had been fined for this offence in the previous year.
- Similarly, speeding traffic remained a problem although he applauded the Police for their recent efforts in tackling this problem, especially in areas near schools.
- As an observation, Mr Cassidy requested that large scale Police operations should be explained to the community. Following debate, Sergeant Bulpett agreed that there should be a two-way consultation between the Police and the community (in this instance, Mr Cassidy as Chair of the Highcliffe Community Action Group) through the group email of Winchester.city.snt.mailbox@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. Alternatively, he suggested that concerned residents should ask one of the reassurance foot-patrols that are assigned to major operations.
- In response to comments, Sergeant Bulpett recommended that incidences be reported to the Police via the 0845 045 4545 number as "an occurrence" or emailed to Winchester.city.snt.mailbox@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

8. **REVIEW OF ACTIONS AGAINST PREVIOUS PRIORITIES FOR BEAT 2 AND 3**

In relation to concerns raised at the previous meeting regarding the supporting housing schemes in Hyde, PCSO Fortune explained that he had discussed the matter with the Housing Managers.

In relation to the concerns regarding dog fouling, PCSO Fortune had spoken to WCC officers to distribute leaflets in the effected areas of Winnall.

Patrols had been increased in Highcliffe and Orams Arbour remained a "hot-spot."

There had been a significant arrest regarding non-dwelling burglaries, but cycle thefts remained a problem.

It was explained that the Police had targeted known drug users though a number of high visibility operations in addition to plain clothed operations. One such operation in Water Lane led to the witnessing of a drug deal and arrest.

Rowdy and inconsiderate incidents have been tackled though increased patrols with Special Constables and ACSOs. Northgate officers had trained more PCSOs and Special Constables to use Police cycles and increase visibility and the areas covered. One of the projects has been to increase the effectiveness of the station's CCTV van, which was going through an upgrade of both its camera equipment and lighting.

Traffic related issues – Northgate had utilised the Roads Policing Unit and together they had performed a number of speed enforcement and education operations in the area, which had been reported by the Hampshire Chronicle. Anti social vehicle use had also been targeted and, since the last meeting; four motor vehicles have been

seized from their owners for anti-social use, whilst others had been seized for having no insurance.

9. **BEAT 2: NEW PRIORITIES**

Following discussion, the Panel agreed the following priorities:

- For Winnall – drug dealing and egg throwing
- For Highcliffe – drug dealing, underage drinking, litter and speeding

10. **BEAT 3 STATISTICS**

With regard to traffic concerns, Mr Parker requested that the new 30mph speed limit on Main Road, Littleton be policed. During discussion, the Panel noted the success of the flashing roadside speed signs and, in lamenting their limited availability, noted an initiative of Otterbourne and its surrounding parishes to purchase such a sign.

Councillor Pearce requested any available crime statistics to be forwarded to him which related to Alison Way, in response to residents' concerns.

Councillor Berry raised concerns regarding a drug problem in the Trussell Crescent area, underage drinking and the lack of facilities for young people. Following these comments, the Panel discussed the possibility of extending the King Alfred Youth Centre's mini-bus service from Highcliffe to include Weeke. Mr Merrett also highlighted the success of the Junior Neighbourhood Warden Schemes, currently operated by Southampton City Council.

11. **BEAT 3: NEW PRIORITIES**

Following discussion, the Panel agreed the following priorities:

- For Littleton – to enforce the new 30mph speed limit along Main Road, Littleton
- For Weeke – drugs and the underage drinking from shops in Stoney Lane.

12. **BEAT 7 STATISTICS**

Mrs Cope commented on litter in the Olivers Battery area and requested that the Post Office be asked to remind its delivery people not to throw away rubber bands onto the street.

Mrs Cope also stated that the probability of anti-social behaviour at the shopping parade in Olivers Battery could increase, given that one of the units was to be vacated in the near future.

She also commented on the problems created by construction traffic parking on street corners and, following discussion, it was agreed that the Police should attach warning notices to the offending windscreens.

13. **REVIEW OF ACTIONS AGAINST PREVIOUS PRIORITIES FOR BEAT 7**

It was explained that the Police had undertaken operations to tackle speeding on St Cross Road and Battery Hill. In addition to these, PC Porter had contacted the road safety team to help identify whether there was a problem in the area. However, discussions with the City Council's Neville Crisp had indicated that this was not likely to be the case.

It was also reported that there had been a reduction in the number of incidences of anti-social behaviour in Wavell Way, although there had been some residents' complaints regarding noise related to the Carroll Youth Centre and the nearby play area.

14. **BEAT 7: NEW PRIORITIES**

Following discussion, the Panel agreed the following priorities:

1. Speeding
2. Anti Social behaviour in Stanmore and drugs
3. The potential of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to vacant retail units in Olivers Battery and inconsiderate parking.

15. **FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE PANEL**

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Panel would be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29 October 2008 in the Mayors Parlour, Winchester Guildhall.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 8.40pm