

Mid Devon Community Safety Officer's Report **For 14 May 2015**

The Creedy Local Action Group met on 23 April 2015

Crime Stats – Crime in Crediton area is down 8.3% down over last year.

Domestic Abuse Awareness

No specific issues were raised on this topic.

- Some bus shelters are owned by parishes so could potentially display information flyers if holders were supplied. Investigating if there is any interest from Parishes.

Problem Alcohol Abuse

- 18 or 19 July the Rugby World Cup will be visiting Crediton and the Cup will be on display at Crediton Rugby Club. Local police aren't sure of implications and what we might be able to link into regarding alcohol.
- NPS flyers distributed to group members.

ASB

- Car parking issues at Tything Close, Newton St Cyres was raised again due to location close to the school. An action plan is now in place to develop signage designed by the children and possible use of the CPNs for drivers that continually park in the area restricting residents' access.
- Use of Community Protection Notices (CPN) locally: 2 CPN warning letter and 1 CPN have been issued in this area.

On-line Safety & Scams

- Police to have 'Community Week of Action' in all three towns in Mid Devon during week of 8 – 12 June
- Scams awareness month is running during July and local publicity will be in place.

General Crime Prevention

- School Speedwatch during Week of Action in June.

The Culm Local Action Group last met on 12 February 2015 and hasn't met since the last CSP Steering Group Meeting.

ASB

- Incident of ASB/Crime in Cullompton Town Centre on Easter Bank Holiday weekend. 4x Letter 2's and 1 ABC have been issued to some of those involved in that night's fighting and disorder. Police have also taken action directly with those involved.

The Exe Local Action Group last met on 10 March 2015 and haven't met since the last CSP Steering Group meeting

ASB

- Police advised of a party on 10 April for a young person that got out of hand and resulted in ASB in the neighbourhood. Young people were identified and 7 received ASB warning

letters for their involvement on the night and one contacted regarding breach of an ABC. All are being considered for their current behaviours at the next Youth ASB Meeting.

Anti-Social Behaviour work

- The ASB Officer has attended several case conferences on individuals (adults) in the district.
- 7 CPN Warning Letters and one CP Notice have been issued since the last CSP meeting by the ASB Officer. These have been for matters relating to dogs out of control and litter issues.

INFORM Group

INFORM met on 29 April 2015.

- A good plan of work has been established for the coming months including further CEOP training in both districts, links to primary schools.
- A small survey of young people and their social media habits carried out by the group provided some useful information and it was agreed to extend this to all schools via use of Survey Monkey. This will be approved and promoted by a couple of Head Teachers but produced and analysed by the CSP.

Results can be used for publicity purposes and support the CEOP training. It can also be used to inform parents in media releases.



Other Work/Updates

- **PREVENT – WRAP training** has been attended by the ASB Officer and the CSO and 2 x HR staff have attended the WRAP Train the Trainer workshop. MDDC are working towards workshop sessions for staff that link with the Safeguarding training, and are now in a position to offer WRAP training to external organisations that may wish to inform staff of PREVENT.
- The **CSP Annual Newsletter** was circulated w/c 4 May 2015 to all CSP contacts and hard copies will be sent to all new elected members and parish councils after the elections.
- The Mid Devon Safety Advisory Group is running extremely well with many local event organisers now linking into the meeting programme in order to discuss the staff management of their events.
- Mid Devon Police have planned a **Week of Action** which commences on 8 June and CSP staff are involved along with Trading Standards and the Crime Prevention Officer. Messages regarding Scams and road safety are among the few subject areas to be targeted during the week.
- **Reducing Reoffending** – County Meeting was attended on 29 April.
 - Work around the Victim Care Unit and referral route and their remit was discussed. Funding for this has been from the OPCC. CSPs are asked to promote the RJ service offered via the VCU, which will include an overview of the VCU work as well.
 - Community Payback was discussed and expressions of concern regarding lack of feedback regarding last year's project to promote CP using funds from CSPs (which was never claimed from Mid Devon).
 - Clarity over working links with CRCs needs to be firmed up and CSPs need to re-establish those links locally as well.
 - Concern was raised about the revision to the format of Targeted Families to now morph into Early Help which Teignbridge CSP have issues with. Its felt that all the new working practices will be lost and things will revert back to the way they were prior to TFs being introduced.
 - Assault without injury was raised as a concern as these have continued to rise annually and are up 10% across the force area, compared to last year. It seems that the time frame for this is the daily period from about 4 to 6 pm daily and not

down to the ENTE as originally thought. It's also now specifically school children, but more around families getting back together after work and school.

- **SCAMs – July Awareness Month** – meeting held on 6 May with Trading Standards and Crime Prevention to discuss activities during July. This will include:
 - Use of promotional literature from Think Jessica.
 - Promotion of the Call Blockers available.
 - Encourage use and reporting to the Action Fraud website/service
 - Use the Can You Spot a Scam Quiz
 - Information Displays at key Garden Centres or at events with good foot fall in East & Mid areas.
 - Raise profile via Press, Staff news, plasma screens, GP Surgeries etc, and use of social media.
 - Produce a CSP basic info flyer.

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East Devon Community Safety Officer's Report May 2015

All East Devon Local Action Groups met in April and discussed the new priorities for the year.

The Exmouth Local Action Group met on the 15th April

9 persons representing 8 agencies attended.

Total crime in the Exmouth area over the last 12 months up until the end of February 2015, has increased 5% from 1896 to 1990 offences.

Anti Social Behaviour

- Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (D&SFRS) will focus on promoting awareness of anti social driving in the Exmouth area. They will work in partnership with the Police in the summer to deter vehicle related anti social behaviour (asb) particularly along the sea front area.
- Such vehicle related anti social behaviour was reported to be taking place along Marine Parade and at Lime Kiln Car Park at Budleigh Salterton. Police will pay particular attention to this.

Substance Misuse

The representative from the Glenorchy Church Job Club reported that they had noticed an increase in the use of New Psychoactive Substances.

Other Community Safety Activities / Issues

- 'The Project', a mental health support group for young people based at Axminster will be launching early next year as an after school scheme at Exmouth Community College. This is designed to help, support and prevent young people from self harming.

The Honiton Local Action Group met on 23rd April

8 persons representing 6 different agencies attended.

In the Honiton area over the last year up to the end of March 2015, total crime has decreased 7.1% from 624 offences to 580.

Other community safety activities / issues

- An ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) vehicle has now been purchased for the area and will be used by the Honiton Police Neighbourhood Team and for suitable operations.
- Honiton Community College is liaising with PCSO Steve Mingo about having regular speed checks carried out near to the school. It is hoped to incorporate this into certain lessons for the pupils.
- The Children's Centre regularly disseminates both a Partnership Bulletin and a Parents' Bulletin and community safety messages can be circulated by this means.

The Axe Valley Local Action Group met on 23rd April

10 persons representing 7 different agencies attended.

In the Axminster area over the last year up to the end of March 2015, total crime has increased by just 1 offence to 466. In the Seaton area it has decreased by 1 offence to 348.

Substance Misuse

- It was reported that there have been no further signs of drug paraphernalia in West Street toilets, Axminster, since the last meeting.

Other community safety activities / issues

- D&SFERS are arranging to attend a local Children's Centre Group meeting and are also going to liaise with an Action Group member regarding undertaking a fire safety check at the home of an elderly person.
- The rough sleepers have been moved from around Seaton Town Hall.

The Sidmouth and Ottery St Mary Local Action Group met on 28th April

9 persons representing 6 agencies attended.

In the Ottery St Mary area over the last year up to the end of March 2015, total crime has increased 4.1% from 490 to 510 offences while in the Sidmouth area it has decreased 6.9% from 447 to 416 offences.

Anti Social Behaviour

- Vehicle related asb in the Land of Canaan Car Park in Ottery St Mary was discussed. This behaviour is causing a lot of distress to some of the local residents. (Update on action mentioned later in this report).
- PSCO Clapp reported that a group of youths had been going into three locations in Ottery St Mary, lighting bonfires and throwing aerosols into the fires as a result of which they then explode. Names have been gathered of the children involved and work will be done with the D&SFERS and local schools. Evidence of this has been seen on the mobile phone of one of the youths.
- A male from the Ottery St Mary area has recently breached his ASBO which resulted in him being arrested. It is expected that he will receive a custodial sentence.

Domestic, Family and Sexual Abuse

- The bulbs that were planted to highlight the issue of violence against women have started blooming. A press release has been arranged to incorporate a visit from a representative of SAFE to talk to the pupils.
- The teacher from Clyst Vale Community College thanked the Partnership for their involvement with Solomon Theatre Group and said the performance of 'Last Orders' and the follow up workshops were well received.
- Some pupils at King's School, Ottery St Mary have seen a play called Chelsea's Choice which deals with Child Sexual Exploitation. This was also well received.

Other community safety activities / issues

- Sgt Squires from Sidmouth mentioned that following reports of damage to the park areas in the town foot patrols had been increased and incidents of damage have now decreased.
- Due to a lack of demand the surgery at Sidmouth Police Station will cease after June. A similar surgery held at the local library will continue due to high demand and the mobile library will still be used for that purpose.

The East and Mid Devon Drug and Alcohol Group met on 11th February

The meeting was again poorly attended.

- 'Last Orders' will be repeated in all secondary schools in both Districts in October 2015.
- The PCC's Police and Crime Plan is being finalised and the Alcohol Priority will remain in place.
- There are discussions with Exeter University about doing some analysis on alcohol related crime including violence with injury and domestic violence. It was suggested that there may be scope for the CSPs to identify a subject and contribute towards the research. If this is developed further there will be more information circulated by email.
- RISE reported that there are 409 people currently in treatment. There is a small waiting list at moment but it has reduced considerably. All groups are now operational in Honiton, Exmouth and Tiverton. The Family and Friends group is now up and running in Tiverton and RISE hope to start a similar group in Exmouth.

Other Community Safety and ASB Work

- The CSP Annual Newsletter is now available both as a hard copy and online.
- Following reports of vehicle related asb in Ottery St Mary, Sidmouth and Seaton, a meeting has taken place between Police and staff from East Devon District Council and an action plan has been drawn up in order to deal with the issues. Police and Council officers will go on joint patrols and warning letters will be issued to the people engaged in such behaviour.
- As a result of an increase in domestic burglaries in the Exmouth area I prepared an information sheet which has been widely circulated via Local Action Group members and through EDDC. It contains advice about home security particularly with the summer approaching.
- I organised a Community Safety morning at Budleigh Salterton Town Hall on Wednesday 22nd April. Scams advice was the main topic but other agencies were represented, e.g. Police, Age Concern, D&SFRS, EDDCs Homesafeguard. Despite a lot of effort put in to advertising the event turnout was disappointingly low.

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11th May 2015