

Broxbourne Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

Community Safety Plan 2009 - 2012



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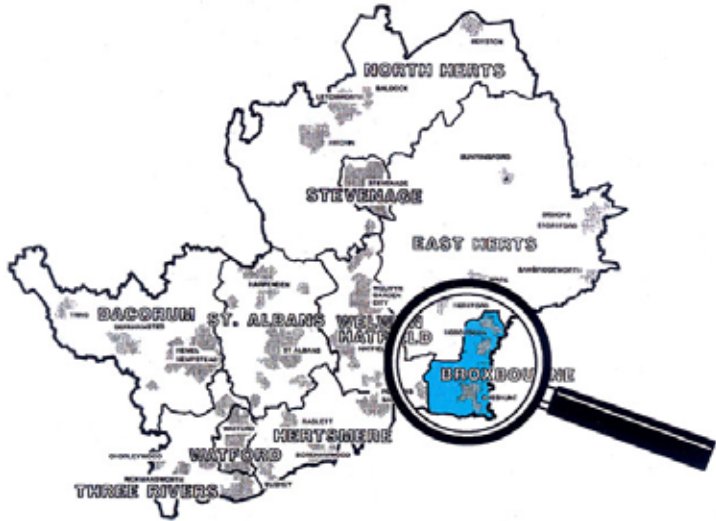
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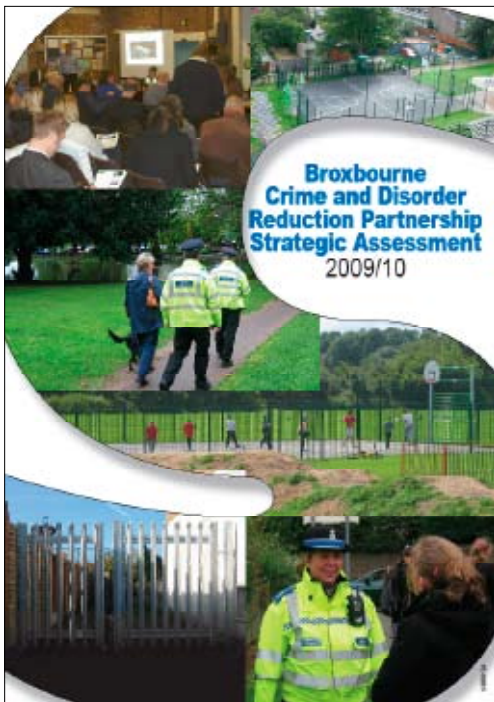
INTRODUCTION

Borough of Broxbourne is a safe area. Serious crime rates are lower than national averages and actual rates of crime and anti-social behaviour incidents have reduced over the last two years. However, there are much higher perceptions of levels of crime and recent surveys have highlighted crime and community safety, problems with young people and anti-social behaviour as the most important issues facing the Borough.



Setting the Local Priorities

This Community Safety Plan is based on an annual strategic crime and disorder assessment of the Broxbourne area.



The Broxbourne CDRP Strategic Assessment 2009/10

The latest carried out in late 2008 considered the period between September 2007 and August 2008 and reached the following findings:

- All crime levels **reduced** in the Borough, but increased in the Cheshunt Central, Cheshunt North and Bury Green wards
- Criminal damage **decreased**
- Violent crime in the Borough **decreased**
- All vehicle crime **decreased**
- Alcohol related crime **reduced**, although there are continuing concerns about the level of under age drinking and increased accessibility to alcohol
- Anti-social behaviour incidents **decreased**
- The incidence of abandoned vehicles reported to the Council substantially **reduced**
- Robbery **reduced** (although it has since increased)
- Dwelling burglaries and distraction burglaries **rose**
- **Increasing** levels of shoplifting and other theft (metal, fuel, plant equipment and building materials) are linked to the current economic crisis
- There has been an **increase** in drug related offences, largely possession of cannabis.

A copy of the full Strategic Assessment can be found on the Council's website at www.broxbourne.gov.uk

This Plan has to be considered in the context of the Hertfordshire Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement, the Hertfordshire Community Safety Agreement and the Hertfordshire Policing Plan.

The following have been identified as the priorities for the Broxbourne Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) for 2009/10:

- Development of a co-ordinated inter-agency communications strategy for community safety, including the closer involvement the local press in the work of the CDRP, which must be relentless, persistent and positive
- Undertake an interdisciplinary exercise in the “mapping” of all local service contributing towards community safety
- Increasing the level of community engagement
- Increased usage of restorative justice and ‘community payback’ locally
- Seek increased and closer engagement from the Primary Care Trust, HCC Social Services and HCC Children, Schools and Families in the work of the local CDRP and development of a multi – agency interventions plan targeting known problem families and issues such as persistent and prolific offenders (PPOs), drugs and alcohol
- Instigate new targeting at individuals and families, not areas
- Increased tolerance and inter-generational work, with a key target constituency for communication being younger people
- Achieve closer integration with the District Children’s Trust Partnership and associated frameworks linking with local educational bodies
- Implement a co-ordinated package of measures to address increasing levels of burglary and increased emphasis on crime prevention initiatives

The action plan included elsewhere in this document sets out how these local priorities will be addressed.

LINKAGES TO OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND KEY STRATEGIES

This plan is prepared in the context of a number of national and county wide community safety plans, targets and frameworks. The plan reflects both local needs and this wider context. The following linkages are particularly important in ensuring congruence and consistency between these policy levels.

The Government’s Public Service Agreements and National Indicators

Public Service Agreements (PSAs) set out the Government’s delivery priorities and how Government will measure success. The two key PSAs for crime reduction and community safety are:

PSA 23: Make communities safer - This PSA is broken down into four priority actions:

- reduce the most serious violence, including tackling serious sexual offences and domestic violence;
- continue to make progress on serious acquisitive crime through a focus on the issues of greatest priority in each locality and the most harmful offenders – particularly drug-misusing offenders;
- tackle the crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour issues of greatest importance in each locality; increasing public confidence in the local agencies involved in dealing with these issues ; and
- reduce re-offending through the improved management of offenders.



Waltham Cross police patrol base



Under age drinkers

PSA 25: Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs - This PSA sets out how Government will achieve long-term and sustainable reduction in the harms associated with alcohol and drugs. The PSA has three main strands, underpinned by a new national alcohol strategy and a forthcoming drug strategy:

- reducing the harms caused to the development, achievement and well-being of young people and families
- reducing the harms caused to the health and well-being of drug users and those using alcohol in harmful ways
- reducing the harms caused to the community as a result of associated crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

These are measured through a range of National Indicators relating to Safer Communities details of which can be found at www.communities.gov.uk

Hertfordshire Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement

This seeks to identify the key strategic challenges facing Hertfordshire between now and 2021. One of the key themes of the strategy is 'Safer and Stronger Communities' and the following aims are included:

Long term objectives

- reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in our neighbourhoods and town centres
- reduce the fear of crime
- develop a strong sense of pride in our community
- support a vibrant voluntary and community sector which meets the need of local people
- encourage communities and individuals to have a greater voice and participate in local decision making



Cheshunt Old Pond

Short term actions

- reduce alcohol related crime and disorder in our town centres
- reduce anti-social behaviour and disorder
- reduce the fear of crime, in particular that linked with anti-social behaviour and drug dealing
- increase confidence in the police and the criminal justice system in the county
- encourage more cohesive communities
- increase the levels of volunteering
- increase numbers of people who feel they are able to affect decision making in their local area, especially vulnerable people including children.

Hertfordshire Community Safety Agreement

The Hertfordshire Community Safety Agreement identifies:

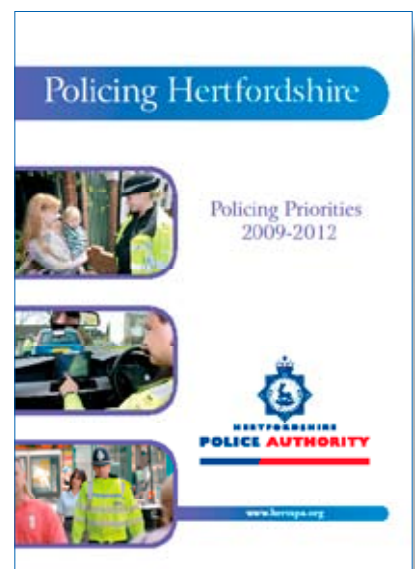
- Priorities from both County and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) and ways of coordinating across the county to address these priorities including the use of both local and county level projects and delivery structures.
- Priorities to feed into the Hertfordshire Local Area Agreement.

Details of the key objectives of the Agreement can be found at www.hertsdirect.org

Hertfordshire Policing Plan 2009 – 2012

This Plan highlights the Hertfordshire Constabulary's key objectives for the next three years. Those where the Police need to work in partnership with local CDRPs are as follows:

- Reduce the most serious violent, organised and acquisitive crimes
- Protect vulnerable people, including victims of sexual offences



The Hertfordshire Policing Plan

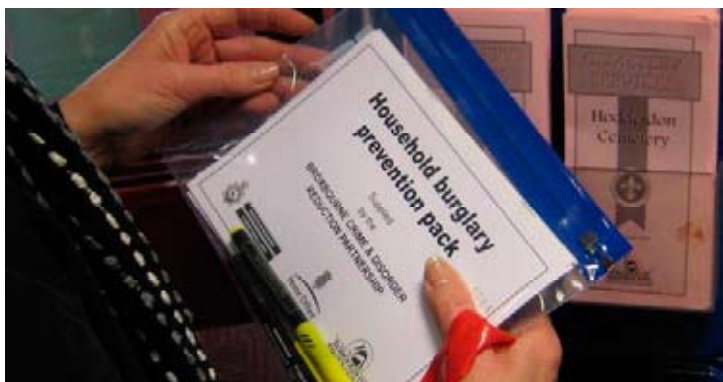
- Bring more serious offenders to justice
- Improve community confidence and user satisfaction in police services
- Keep young people safe and prevent them from becoming involved with crime or anti-social behaviour
- Protect the county from terrorism and violent domestic extremism
- Use resources effectively and efficiently with a representative workforce

PERFORMANCE IN 2008/09 AGAINST TARGETS IN COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

Set out below are key achievements in 2008/09

Targets Achieved

- A target to reduce overall crime by 4% was set. In 2008/09 a reduction of 4.9% was secured
- A target to reduce criminal damage by 4% was set. The figures for 2008/09 indicated a reduction of 18.0% was achieved
- A target to reduce vehicle crime by 4% was set, whilst an actual reduction of 4.5% was achieved in 2008/09.
- Levels of incidents of crime (-10.8%) and anti-social behaviour (-17.2%) were significantly reduced in Waltham Cross
- The Crime Prevention Panel has overseen the issue of over 750 burglary prevention packs and 3,500 doorstep calendars



'Free' burglary prevention packs

- The Council has obtained Secured Car Park status for most of the Council's public car parks.
- There is increased targeting and inspection of all licensed premises and the level of alcohol

seizures is now being tracked by both the Police and the Parks Patrol

- The incidence of large gatherings of young people in 'hotspot' locations has been reduced and the target to reduce ASB incidents by 5% has been exceeded (down by 8.9% in 2008/09)
- The evaluation of youth diversionary activities indicates these have had some impact on reducing levels of ASB and criminal damage.
- There has been an increase in the level of local youth reparation projects.
- There has been an increased level of community engagement through increased attendance at neighbourhood fora and the increasing level of local neighbourhood projects implemented.
- The Council continues to develop local community newsletters and the double page spread in the local press of 'community information'

Targets not achieved

- A target to improve public perceptions by 4% was set. Indicative figures for the Place survey (2008) indicate public perceptions have worsened by 6% since the Best Value General Survey in 2006 (from 22% to 28%).
- The incidence of alcohol being sold to minors does not appear to have diminished and the level of failed test purchases has deteriorated to 80% failure rate.
- A target to reduce the level of 'high' risk licensed premises by 20% was set, but these reduced from 9 to 8 premises (down 11%)
- A target to increase the level of ASBOs and ABCs has not been achieved, although this may be affected by the reductions in levels of crime and anti-social behaviour

REDUCING CRIME AND MANAGING OFFENDERS

Recorded crime trends in Broxbourne

Total recorded crime in Broxbourne has decreased over the past two years by 14% (from 8729 incidents in 2006/07 to 7500 offences in 2008/09). The levels of offences in most crime types have decreased during that period, most notably criminal damage where there has been a 34% decrease (2288 to 1515 offences). However, during the last year there have been significant increases in levels of domestic burglary (up from 411 to 548 incidents (+33%), which may be linked to the economic downturn.

Types of crime

Broxbourne's crime rates detailed in the table below, whilst generally decreasing, fall short of the County average for most offences, with the notable exceptions of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

Comparison of Borough and County Crime levels – 2007/08 and 2008/09

	Borough				County			
	Level of incidents				Level of incidents			
	07/08	08/09	Change	+/- %	07/08	08/09	Change	+/- %
All crime	7,890	7,500	-390	-4.94	80,234	76,156	-4,078	-5.08
Criminal damage	1,848	1,515	-333	-18.02	17,374	15,000	-2,374	-13.66
Burglary dwelling	411	548	137	33.33	4,534	4,969	435	9.59
Robbery	89	106	17	19.10	757	759	2	0.26
Vehicle crime	1,239	1,183	-56	-4.52	11,364	10,055	-1,309	-11.52
Violent crime	1,421	1,335	-86	-6.05	14,870	13,492	-1,378	-9.27
Anti-social behaviour	8,845	8,057	-788	-8.91%	84,757	78,401	-6,356	-7.50%

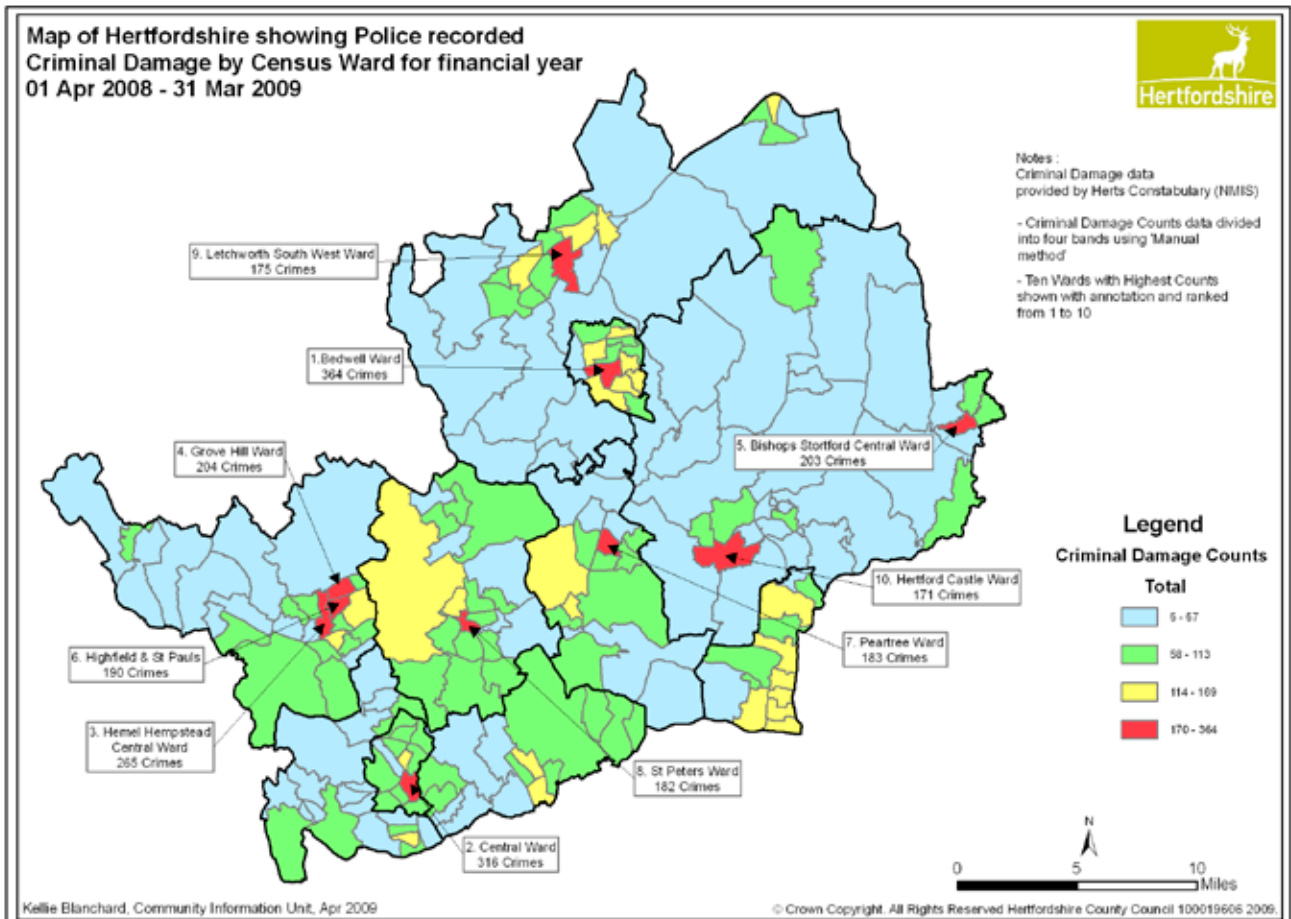
Local Crime Hot spots in Broxbourne

In 2008/09 five Borough wards showed increased crime levels compared with the previous year, with the largest % increase being in Rosedale ward. The remaining 8 wards showed reduced crime levels with the biggest % decrease being in Wormley & Turnford and the largest actual decrease being in Waltham Cross (down by 140 incidents).

Comparison of Crime levels by Borough Ward – 2007/08 and 2008/09

All Crime – Broxbourne wards				
	2007-8	2008-9	Change	+/- %
K1A (Hoddesdon Town)	915	904	-11	-1.20
K1B (Broxbourne)	396	360	-36	-9.09
K1C (Wormley & Turnford)	599	528	-71	-11.85
K1D (Rye Park)	503	488	-15	-2.98
K1E (Hoddesdon North)	233	249	16	6.87
K2A (Cheshunt Central)	843	775	-68	-8.07
K2B (Cheshunt North)	1018	923	-95	-9.33
K2C (Theobalds)	537	566	29	5.40
K2D (Waltham Cross)	1292	1152	-140	-10.84
K2E (Rosedale)	257	287	30	11.67
K2F (Bury Green)	565	586	21	3.72
K2G (Flamstead End)	340	360	20	5.88
K2H (Goffs Oak)	304	293	-11	-3.62
No Beat Code	88	29	-59	-67.05
Total	7890	7500	-390	-4.94

‘Hotspot’ mapping of crime in Broxbourne in 2008/09 - The map below shows that crime levels are significantly higher in the south of the Borough, particularly in the areas of Cheshunt, Theobalds and Waltham Cross.



Criminal Damage - the category with the highest level of recorded crime is criminal damage and the map below shows on a ward by ward basis the top 10 wards for criminal damage incidents in the County. This shows that in 2008/09 none of the Borough wards were ranked amongst the ten worst wards in the County. This is the first time the Borough has not had at least one ward in the top ten.

Persistent and Prolific Offenders

Prolific and priority offenders (PPOs) are the most prolific offenders, the most persistently anti-social in their behaviour, and pose the greatest threat to the safety and confidence of the communities. Although small in numbers, PPOs contribute to a high volume of acquisitive crime and these offenders are often involved in drug and alcohol misuse. Three strands for dealing with PPOs are known as Prevent & Deter, Catch & Convict and Rehabilitate & Resettle. At March 2009, Broxbourne CDRP has 6 young people under Prevent and Deter, 10 PPOs under Catch and Convict and 11 PPOs under Rehabilitate & Resettle. Currently 4 are in prison and 2 are

the subject of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders. The majority of detected offences committed over the past year were committed by offenders who reside in the Broxbourne CDRP, the majority of whom (as seen last year) reside in Waltham Cross. Of those offenders from outside of the borough, as expected, the majority come in from North London. Of the PPO's, 11 reside in Waltham Cross, 6 in Hoddesdon, 6 in Cheshunt, 2 in Broxbourne and 2 resides outside the Borough.

Priorities from Strategic Assessment

- Continue to reduce criminal damage
- Target cross border criminals committing vehicle theft and robbery
- Continue to develop a network of ANPR cameras covering the main 'feeder' routes into the Borough
- Encourage the public, particularly those in the south of the Borough, to be more security conscious about their dwellings, vehicles and

other belongings and develop measures to address increasing levels of domestic and distraction burglary in the Borough

- Work more closely with neighbouring police forces to address cross border criminality
- Ensure tighter management of offenders through the CDRPs multi-agency Joint Action Group



New ANPR camera in Waltham Cross

TACKLING ALCOHOL/DRUG MISUSE

There are 220 premises holding alcohol licences in the Borough. However, the economic recession has led to a number of public houses closing in the borough in the last 12 to 18 months. In two cases the premises licences have been surrendered. However, three public houses in the borough are currently closed but the licences are still extant.

Licensing Monitoring by the Noise and Licensing Patrol - Between April 2008 and March 2009, a total of 465 targeted licensed premises monitoring visits took place, principally through the noise and licensing patrol. During these visits there were 19 instances where issues were discovered which required follow up, this compared with 75 during the previous year. Two licensed premises were served with noise prohibition notices. In addition to the patrol, environmental health officers made 289 visits to licensed premises under food hygiene, health and safety or smoking legislation.

License Reviews - There were five licence reviews in 2008/09. There were none in 2007/08 and one

in both 2005/06 and 2006/07. In 2008/09 one public house was reviewed and four convenience stores/off-licences. In the main tighter restrictions were imposed on the premises as a result of the reviews but in two cases the right to sell alcohol was withdrawn. These two decisions have been appealed against and will be heard later in 2009 in the Magistrates Court.

Night Time Economy - All relevant crime types have been reduced over the last year, with significant reductions in levels of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour (above the County average which is shown in brackets)

	2007/8	2008/09	+/-
Criminal damage	1848	1515	-18.0% (-13.7%)
Violent crime	1421	1335	-6.1% (-9.3%)
Anti-social behaviour	8845	8057	-8.9% (-7.5%)

Comparative ASB/criminal levels in the Borough's town centres

Levels of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in 2008/09 reduced in Hoddesdon and Waltham Cross town centres, but increased in Cheshunt, although this may be partly due to the impact of the town centre CCTV system picking up incidents that may have previously gone unreported.

Other licensing actions

	2007/08	2008/09
No. of complaints about licensed premises received by Council	37	23
No. of licence premises inspections by Council	150	323
No. of off licences visited by PCSOs	N/A	122
No. of licence reviews by licensing authority	0	5
No. of alcohol seizures by Police	N/A	160
No of premises subjected to test purchasing	19	5

Priorities from Strategic Assessment

- Take more robust action to combat the sale of alcohol to under 18s, including reducing the incidence of proxy purchasing of alcohol by adults for minors and make increased use of licence reviews to address issues with 'problem' licensed premises
- Encourage licensees to adopt a more robust approach towards proof of age in alcohol purchases and discouraging drug dealing
- Encourage both the extended policing family and the wider community to provide intelligence about under age drinking and drug usage/dealing



Challenge 21 poster

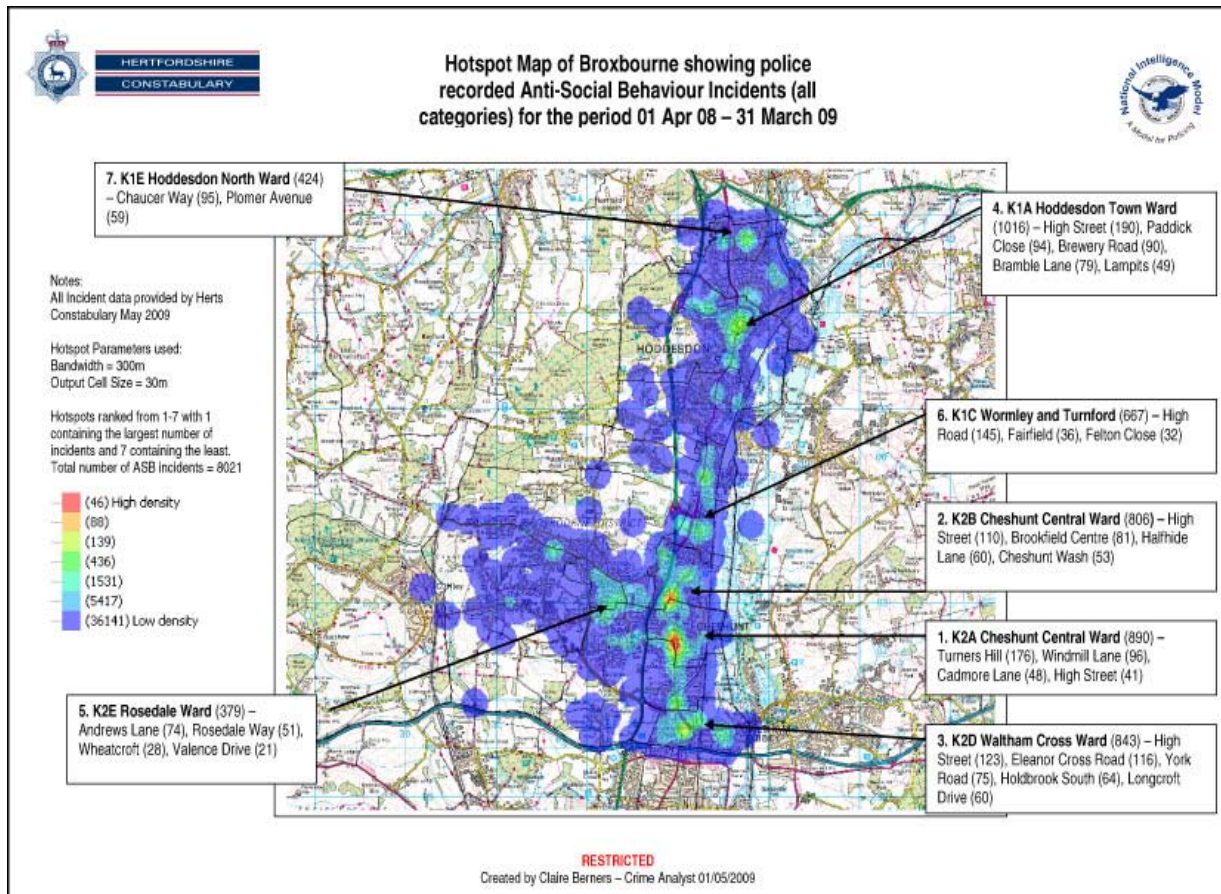
TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

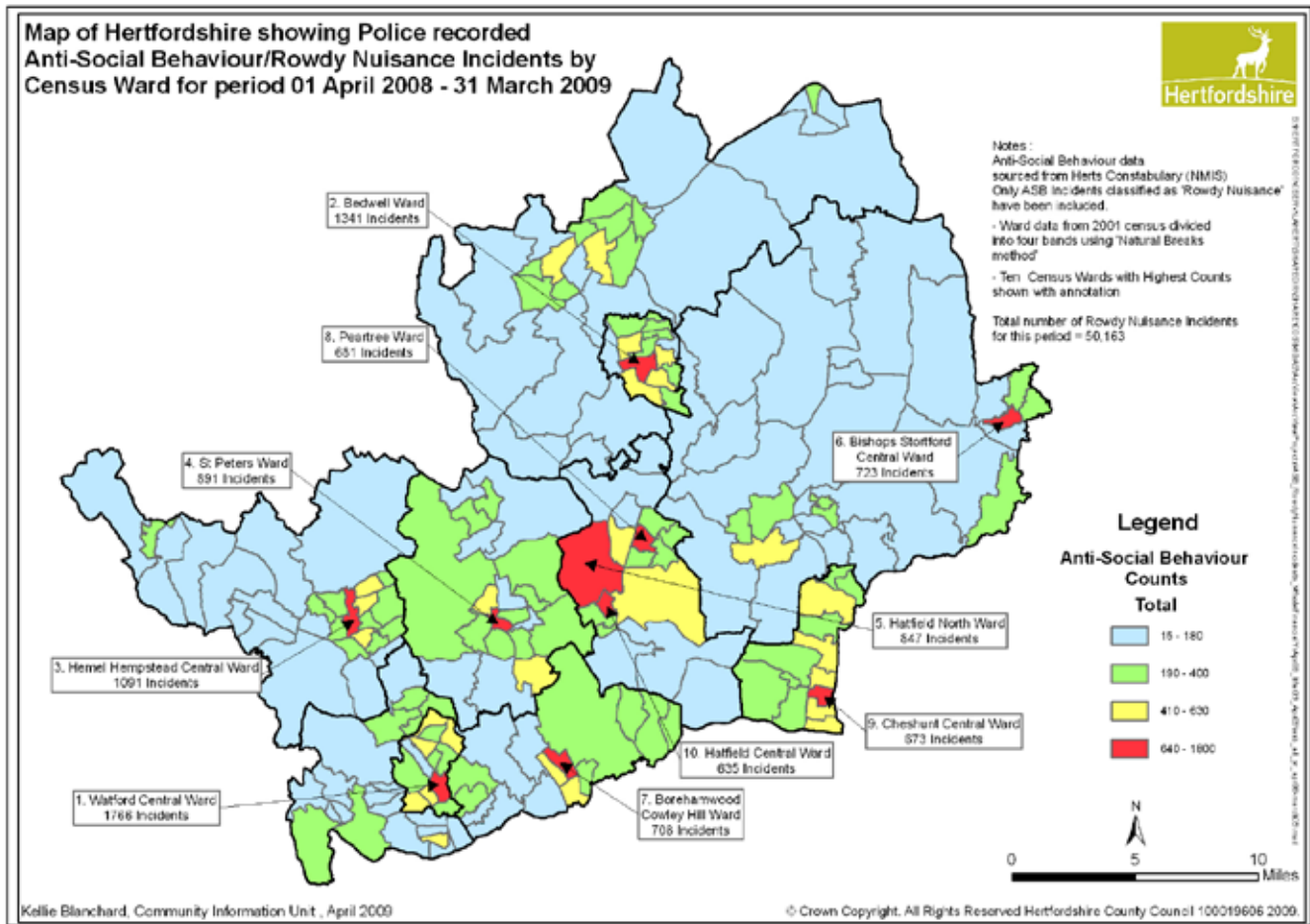
Anti - Social Behaviour - Recorded ASB trends in Broxbourne

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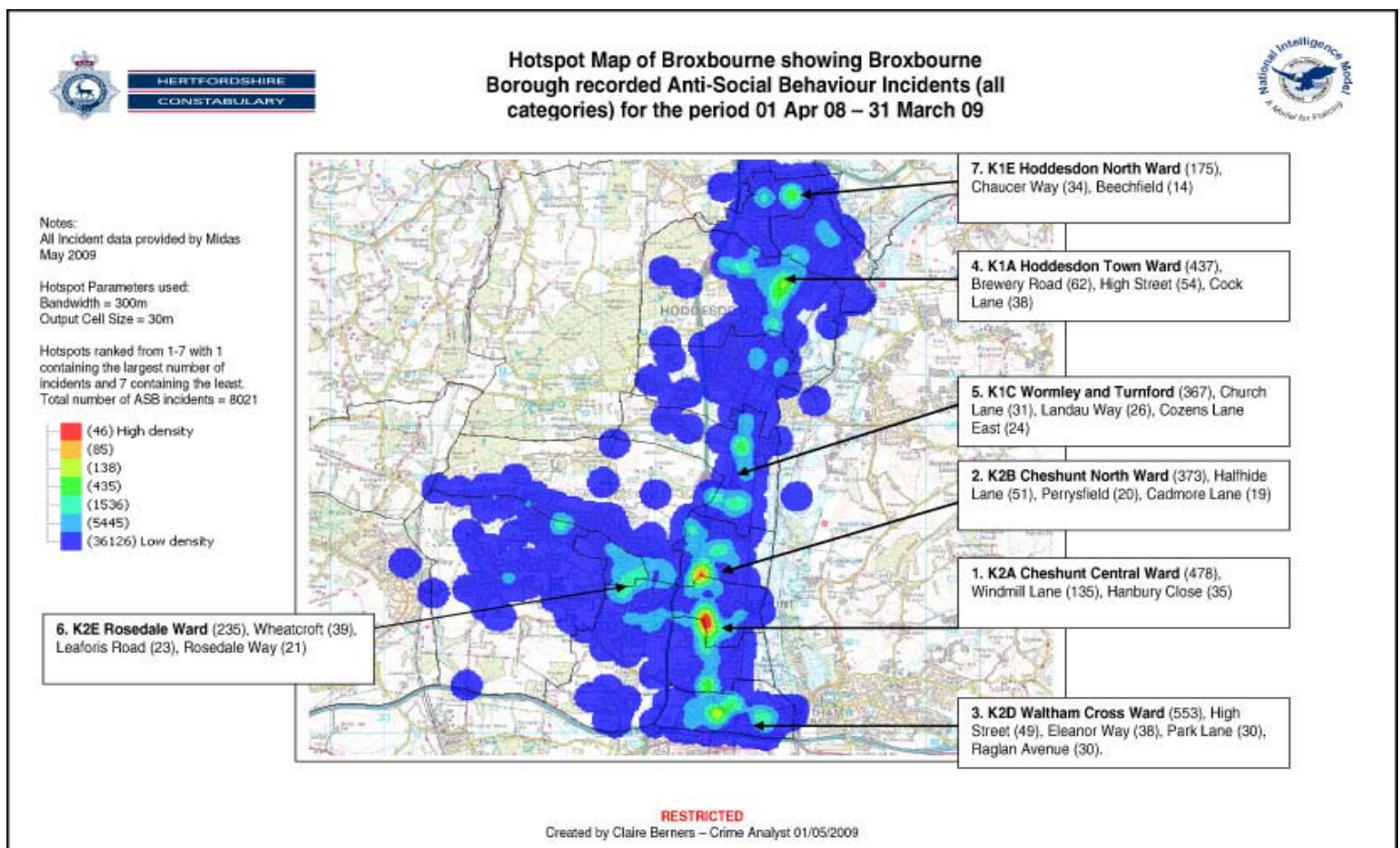
In 2008/09 five Borough wards showed increased anti-social behaviour levels compared with the previous year, with the Rosedale ward showing the greatest % increase. The remaining 8 wards showed reduced anti-social behaviour levels with the biggest % and actual decreases being in Wormley & Turnford ward.

The first map overleaf highlights the 'hotspots' of anti-social behaviour incidents reported to the Police in the Borough in 2008/09. This highlights the Borough's three town centres remain a focal point for levels of ASB, with lesser issues associated with local shopping parades such as Cadmore Lane, Cheshunt; Cheshunt Wash; Holdbrook Estate, Waltham Cross; and Chaucer Way, Hoddesdon. The second map shows on a ward by ward basis the top 10 wards for ASB incidents in the County. This shows that in 2008/09 the Borough ward of Cheshunt Central (9th) ranked amongst the ten worst wards in the County. This compares with 3 wards being in the top 10 in 2007/08.





Council recorded anti-social behaviour incidents April 2008-March 2009 - The map below highlights the 'hotspots' of anti-social behaviour incidents reported to the Council in the Borough in 2008/09. This largely mirrors the Police data and again highlights the Borough's three town centres as a focal point for levels of ASB.



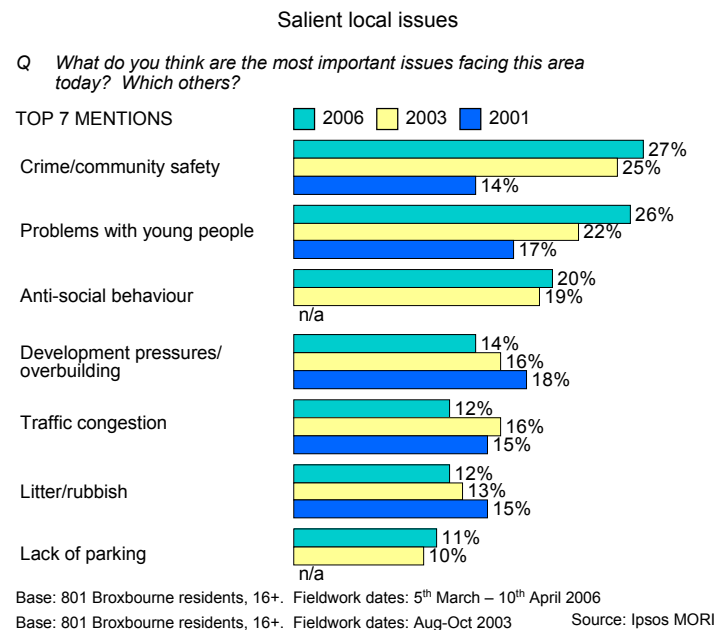
Priorities from the Strategic Assessment

- Reduce the incidence of large gatherings of young people in identified 'hotspot' locations
- Continue to develop the provision of youth diversionary activities across a range of providers
- Take robust enforcement action against persistent nuisance youths and perpetrators of enviro-crime

IMPROVING FEELINGS OF SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY

Fear of Crime

In a local survey of more than 800 residents carried out on behalf of the Council by MORI in 2006, crime/community safety, problems with young people and anti-social behaviour were cited as the three most important issues facing the district. More than half of the respondents to the fear of crime survey felt that disorder had increased in the borough in the past three years. Groups of youths were considered to be the largest problem locally, followed by vandalism. 'Gatherings of young people' was the category which attracted the highest proportion of very "worried" respondents. Issues highlighted by the survey and focus groups include:



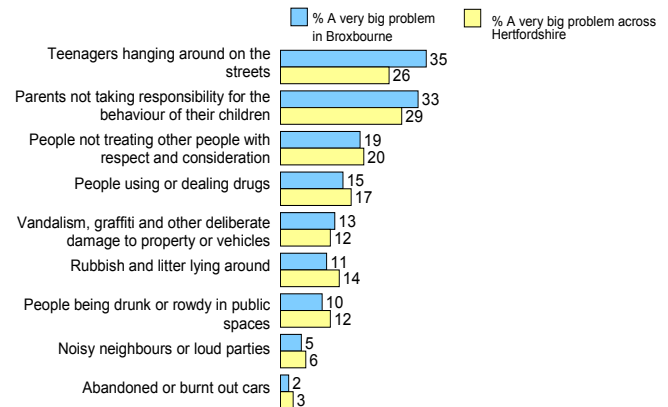
Source: Ipsos MORI 2006

Best Value General Survey (2006)

In the survey, Broxbourne residents' top three priorities for improvement for their local areas remain mostly consistent with those highlighted in the 2003 survey, namely activities for teenagers, traffic congestion, and level of crime. In line with the demand for more activities for teenagers, the two anti-social behaviour/Respect-related issues which residents are most likely to note as problematic in their area are teenagers hanging around streets and parents not taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children.

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A Comparison between Anti-social Behaviour in Broxbourne and across Hertfordshire



The Place Survey (2008)

Early indications from the survey would appear to show that generally local public perceptions about anti-social behaviour and related issues have worsened over the last three years, with perceptions in the Borough being significantly worse than other authorities in the County.

A comparison of overall perceptions of anti-social behaviour in Hertfordshire between Best Value General Survey (2006) and Place Survey (2008)

Anti-social behaviour	Overall score		
	2006 (%)	2008 (%)	% point change
Broxbourne	22	28	+ 6
Dacorum	23	15	- 8
East Hertfordshire	20	14	- 6
Hertsmere	27	17	-10
North Hertfordshire	19	16	-3
St. Albans	13	10	-3
Stevenage	24	16	- 8
Three Rivers	21	12	-9
Watford	32	21	-11
Welwyn Hatfield	23	19	-4

There was on average an overall 5.6% decrease in perceptions on anti-social behaviour across the county. In Broxbourne there was a increase of 6%, which is the only area in the County where perceptions have deteriorated.

Priorities from the Strategic Assessment

- Improve the level of public reassurance by more effectively co-ordinating communication about the positive actions being taken to improve community safety
- Pursue a range of initiatives to encourage two way communication with the local population about community safety issues
- Continue to develop the role of the local neighbourhood fora in communicating effectively with the public

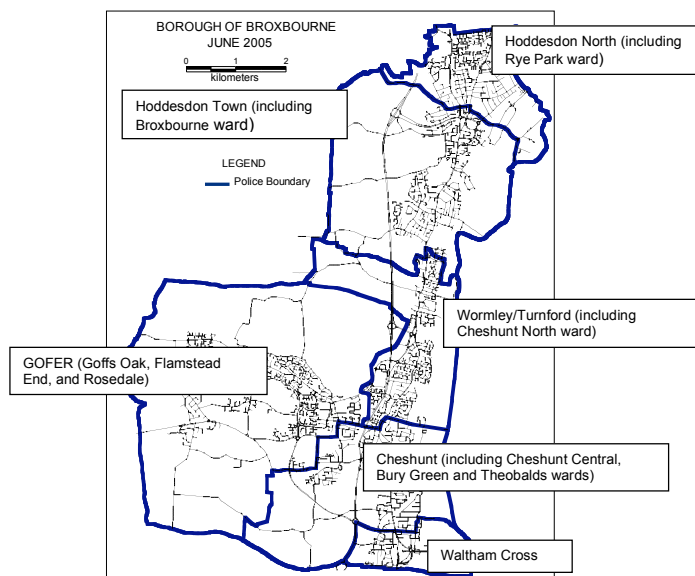


Location	Date	Time
Cheshunt Library	Wednesday 1 July	11.00 to 13.00 hours
Goffs Oak Library	Thursday 2 July	10.00 to 12.30 hours
Waltham Cross one stop shop	Friday 3 July	13.00 to 15.00 hours
The John Warner Sports Centre Hoddesdon	Wednesday 15 July	13.00 to 15.00 hours
Berners Way Wormley (mobile unit)	Thursday 23 July	14.00 to 16.00 hours
Library, High Street Hoddesdon	Friday 24 July	14.00 to 16.00 hours

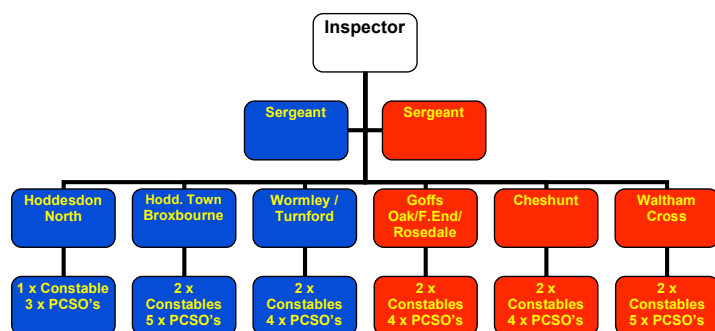
Further information is available from 01992 533845

RESOURCES CONTRIBUTING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY AND OTHER RELATED POLICIES

The Borough is split into six neighbourhood policing areas as shown below:



Each policing area has its own dedicated Safer Neighbourhood Team as shown below:



Both the Council and local secondary schools provide funding support for the provision of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). The Borough currently has two police stations at Cheshunt and Hoddesdon, although a local police base is to be developed at the Hertford Regional College in Wormley/Turnford. In conjunction with the Council a local police patrol base has been established in Waltham Cross town centre. The CDRP has a dedicated ASB team comprising an ASB Co-ordinator based at Broxbourne Council and an ASB Investigator based at Cheshunt Police Station.

Broxbourne Council employs several teams responsible for taking enforcement action against environmental crime issues. The Council proposes to improve co-ordination and tasking under an 'enviro-crime' programme. The Council also employs an external contractor jointly with the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority to provide a Parks Patrol service. A number of local social residential landlords also work closely with the CDRP in seeking to use their powers under tenancy agreements etc to address anti-social behaviour by their tenants.

There are two multi-agency Joint Action Groups, which meets every 6 weeks, one monitors crime and anti-social behaviour matters looking at both locations and the perpetrators. The second evaluates all licensed premises against a 'risk' matrix.

In addition, voluntary initiatives supporting the work of the CDRP are the Broxbourne Crime Prevention Panel who organise a number of events to raise community awareness about crime prevention and the Street Pastors project which provides pastoral care at ASB 'hotspots' at weekends.

Use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems

- Broxbourne Council deploys the following systems:-

Fixed - two full functional monitored town centre systems in Waltham Cross and Cheshunt and static systems at Grundy Park and John Warner Leisure Centres and at Andrews Lane, Rosedale Estate.

Mobile - five covert systems with a range of functions for targeting anti-social behaviour and enviro-crime

ANPR - The Council has financially supported the development of this initiative, but awaits police advice and proposals for the installation of cameras.



CCTV system at Waltham Cross subways

Noise Nuisance - Broxbourne Council deploys noise monitoring equipment for recording evidence of noise nuisance problems. It has also purchased a video/audio system for targeting problem premises.

Associated Policies and Initiatives with a bearing on this Plan

ASB and Youth diversion - During 2008/09 there have been several Police operations which have focused on public-order and ASB (often fuelled by alcohol), licensing and football related disorder. Operations have focused on ASB hotspots including the Hundred Acre Estate – Chaucer Court, Broxbourne Recreation ground/Station Road; Hammondstreet Road, Turners Hill/Cheshunt High Street and Grundy Park/Old Pond and Waltham Cross town centre.



Kickabout court in Rye Park, Hoddesdon

The Council has invested heavily in providing activities and facilities for young people, with many of these sited in areas where there are higher levels of anti-social behaviour. An evaluation of the impact of these measures in reducing anti-social behaviour was inconclusive and further work is required.

Night-time economy plan - The CDRP has approved a multi-agency night time economy plan which seeks to address a range of issues as a result of late night drinking. A key element of this Plan is the use of alcohol control zones. A new zone was introduced in Waltham Cross town centre in February 2009. This is in addition to existing alcohol control areas at Cheshunt Old Pond and Grundy Park; Andrews Lane, Cheshunt; and Holdbrook Estate, Waltham Cross.

Other Licensing Initiatives - The Council/Police are implementing a 'bottle marking' scheme aimed at reducing sale of alcohol to minors, initially targeting 'high' and 'medium' risk off licences. This project is being funded from the County Alcohol Strategy

Fund. Trading Standards have launched the Validate ID scheme in local schools and licensed premises, although it is understood that to date only two of the local secondary schools have signed up to this initiative.



Broxbourne 'Bottlewatch' bottle marking scheme

Waltham Cross

neighbourhood safety plan - The CDRP has a multi-agency policing plan for Waltham Cross, which secured the development of a locality policing patrol base and increased policing levels, further development of the town centre CCTV system to pick up on identified 'hotspots' not currently covered and general improvement of 'quality of life' environmental issues affecting the area.

Funding of Community Safety Initiatives -

Under the Local Area Agreement the Broxbourne CDRP receives central funding to promote Safer and Stronger Communities. In 2009/10 this totals £94k.



PCSOs on patrol in Broxbourne

Broxbourne Council funds the provision of 3 Police Community Support Officers (matched by the Police) and participatory community safety budgets at neighbourhood forum level to a total value of £100,000. In 2009/10 this is being supplemented by the Police with an additional £10k contribution. The Council also provided an annual capital budget of £75,000 for site hardening preventative measures such as improved fencing or street lighting.

“Enviro-crime” - The Council expends significant resources on the Field Force, which is the environmental inspection and enforcement force.

This force is intended to deal with various types of anti-social behaviour, in addition to other tasks around environmental management and contract monitoring. In addition the Council’s Environmental Health service has an increasing role to play in addressing noise nuisance issues.

Joint Training and Other Initiatives - The CDRP co-ordinates various joint training sessions and briefing sessions for the extended policing family. These include briefings on the key findings from the Strategic Assessment and the priorities within the local Community Safety Plan, as well as specific training around drugs awareness, evidence taking, byelaw enforcement, etc. There are also various joint patrols with the Field Force and the Council’s parking patrol service held throughout the year.

Engaging with the Community - Each policing area has a neighbourhood forum meeting twice per year, comprising local councillors, the police, Broxbourne Council, Herts Police Authority and the general public. There is also a boroughwide Community safety Consultation Forum, which meets three times per year. The local neighbourhood forums, together with local visual audits provide a regular means for the public to input their concerns about community safety issues that need to be addressed.



Visual audit – Trafalgar Avenue, Broxbourne

Communication initiatives for community safety

Considerable efforts have been made to substantially increase the level of communication about community safety issues to help reassure the public and help to alleviate the fear of crime. There is ongoing development of the neighbourhood forums with each receiving regular reports on policing performance and community safety initiatives in the local area..



The quarterly Safer Community Monitor

The Police offer regular police surgeries in each of the localities. Other recent aspects of this have included two page adverts promoting community meetings and police surgeries and local leaflets for each of the six neighbourhood “patches”.

DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2009/10

TARGET OUTCOME	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENCY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
REDUCING CRIME				
Reduce overall levels of crime by 4%	Developing more effective liaison with both the Metropolitan Police Service and Essex Police regarding cross border criminals	Police	Ongoing	Existing budgets
	Develop a network of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras covering the main feeder routes into Borough	Police	2009/ 2010	Police/ Broxbourne Council/ CDRP
	Develop a multi – agency interventions plan targeting known problem families and issues such as persistent and prolific offenders (PPOs), drugs and alcohol	HCC Children, Schools and Families	TBD	TBD
	Undertake interdisciplinary exercise in the “mapping” of all local service contributing towards community safety	Broxbourne Council	By September 2009	Safer Stronger Communities Fund
Reduce levels of criminal damage by 4%	Implement a rapid response graffiti removal service	Broxbourne Council	April 2009	Broxbourne Council
	Implement a range of actions to address the sale of spray paints to minors	Trading Standards	September 2009	Trading Standards
Reduce levels of domestic and distraction burglary by 4%	Use the Prolific and Priority Offender scheme to identify potential offenders	Police	Ongoing	Existing budgets
Increase number of crime prevention events by 20%	Implement a co-ordinated package of measures to address increasing levels of burglary	Police/ Broxbourne Council	September 2009	Safer Stronger Communities Fund
	Encourage the public to be more security conscious about home and vehicle security	Crime Prevention Panel	Ongoing	Safer Stronger Communities Fund
Introduce measures for preventing violent extremism	Develop a local strategy for preventing violent extremism in response to NI 35 - Building Resilience to Violent Extremism	Police	2009/10	Existing budgets
Address both the actual levels and perceptions of crime and disorder in the south of the borough	Review the multi-agency plan to focus community safety initiatives in the Waltham Cross area	CDRP Responsible Authorities Group	By September 2009	Existing budgets

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TARGET OUTCOME	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENCY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
REDUCING CRIME				
Reduce levels of crime in Waltham Cross by 4%	Implement a range of environmental measures to improve the 'quality of life' of local residents as part of the Waltham Cross renaissance scheme.	Broxbourne Council	2009/10	BoB Environmental Capital Programme
Reduce public perceptions about crime and disorder by 4% (Place Survey)				
TACKLING ALCOHOL/DRUG MISUSE				
Reduce levels of alcohol related disorder by 4%	Review the multi-agency Broxbourne Night Time Economy Plan, with specific proposals for Hoddesdon town centre	CDRP Responsible Authorities Group	By September 2009	Existing budgets
Increase the number of alcohol seizures				
Reduce the level of 'failed' repeat test purchases	Review the impact of the existing alcohol control zones and consider whether further zones are required in key locations	Police/ Broxbourne Council	By September 2009	HCC Alcohol Strategy Fund
Reduce perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem by 4%	Encourage licensees to adopt a more robust approach towards sale of alcohol to minors/ discouraging drug dealing	Police/ Broxbourne Council	By June 2009	Existing budgets
Reduce perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem by 4%				
	Implement a programme of test purchasing initiatives targeting 'high risk' premises	Trading Standards (HCC)	By June 2009	HCC Alcohol Strategy Fund
	Implement a Boroughwide ID scheme for 16 – 18 year olds	Trading Standards (HCC)	From April 2009	HCC Alcohol Strategy Fund
	Pilot implementation of a voluntary Bottlewatch scheme for off licences	Broxbourne Council/Police	June 2009	HCC Alcohol Strategy Fund
	Encourage the public to provide intelligence about under age drinking and drug usage/drug dealing	Broxbourne Council/Police	Ongoing	Existing budgets
TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR				
Reduce reported incidents of anti social behaviour by 5%	Use targeted operations to deter and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	Joint Action Group	Ongoing	Safer Stronger Communities Fund
Reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour by 4%	Continue to use ABCs, ASBOs and ASBIs as a means of encouraging individuals to address their behaviour	ASB Co-ordinator (BoB)/ASB Investigator	Ongoing	Existing budgets
	Target youth outreach work to ASB 'hotspots' to divert young people to other activities	Director of Community Services (BoB)/ HCC Youth Service	Ongoing	Existing budgets

PRIORITIES AND TARGETS	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENCY	TIMESCALE	FUNDING
	Continue to strengthen the programmes of youth activities, including diversionary projects	Director of Community Services (BoB) / HCC Youth Service	Summer 2008	Existing budgets
Improve perceptions that people in the area treat one another with respect and consideration	Identify projects encouraging more interaction between young/ elderly residents	Director of Community Services (BoB)	Ongoing	Existing budgets
Increase the number of restorative justice and community payback schemes	Pursue an increased level of community reparation projects	Youth Offending Team	Ongoing	Existing budgets
	Pursue an increased level of community payback schemes	Probation	Ongoing	Existing budgets
IMPROVING FEELINGS OF SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY				
Improve public reassurance about the positive actions being taken to address crime and disorder by 4%	Develop a co-ordinated inter-agency communications strategy for community safety	CDRP Responsible Authorities Group	April 2009	Existing budgets
	Continue to develop the shared advertising and promotion of key community safety messages	Broxbourne Council	Ongoing	Safer Stronger Community Funds
	Seek to encourage local press to adopt a more balanced approach on reporting of community safety issues	CDRP Responsible Authorities Group	Ongoing	Existing budgets
Increase number of neighbourhood watches.	Further develop neighbourhood watch schemes	Neighbourhood watch Co-ordinator	Ongoing	Existing budgets
Increase number of visual audits	Improve consultation and feedback to local residents on local community safety initiatives	Broxbourne Council	Ongoing	Existing budgets
	Significantly increase use of e- communication	Broxbourne Council	Ongoing	Existing budgets
Develop local neighbourhood forums	Continue to develop local neighbourhood budgets for small scale community safety projects	Broxbourne Council	2009/10	BoB Capital Programme
Increase the level of attendance at neighbourhood fora	Encouraged increased participation in neighbourhood forums particularly for vulnerable groups and local schools	Broxbourne Council	Ongoing	Existing budgets
Baseline data: No. of attendees in 2008/09	Encourage increased public participation in both local neighbourhood forums and visual audits.	Broxbourne Council	Ongoing	Existing budgets

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