

To: Bellshill & District Local Area Partnership		Subject: Community Safety Report
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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Partnership regarding the progress and outcomes from the Community Safety Sub Groups and other relevant areas of joint work between the partners in the Bellshill area.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 The process of holding local Community Safety Sub Group meetings began in December 2008 and they are attended by key members of Council Services and partner agencies who have the responsibility for taking forward the Community Safety agenda locally.

## 3 Hot Spot Mapping

The local Tactical Assessment document includes a hotspot map (Appendix 1) reflecting geographically the areas where the volume of calls to the Police and also other intelligence gathered which has been gathered from partner agencies. This is then the focus for discussion by the groups and highlights where joint work should be taken to improve or resolve the issues. Appendix 2 provides a ward by ward breakdown of partnership activity, and highlights actions resulting from information received.

## 4. Summary of Key Activity by Partners

- 4.1 The following shows what has been reported to Housing and Social Work Services ASB Investigations teams from January until February 2009 and the relevant action which has been taken to address these problems:

Number of New Complaints	Ongoing Cases	Actions Taken January to March 2009
Ward 13 - 11 Ward 14 - 12 Ward 15 - 18 <b><u>Breakdown of above</u></b> Noise - 24 Gang - 0 Racial - 1 Harassment - 7 Children - 0 Violence - 0 Vandalism - 0 Drugs - 3 Other - 5	Ward 13 - 17 cases Ward 14 - 14 cases Ward 15 - 8 cases <b><u>Breakdown of above</u></b> Investigate - 21 Monitor - 15 Legal - 3	6 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning 1 Final warning 1 NOP 2 Post NOP

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### Preventative Measures

The following table illustrates the number of cases referred to Mediation:

	January	February	March	
Ward No	Referred to Mediation	Referred to Mediation	Referred to Mediation	total
13				0
14			2	2
15		1		1
total		1	2	3

- 4.2 From a Police perspective the following table provides a statistical breakdown of reported crimes and detection rates for the area:

Ward	Crimes Reported	Crimes Detected	%
<u>Ward 13</u> Beats 71,72 &73	384	194	50.78
<u>Ward 14</u> Beats 74,75,76 &77	470	294	62.55
<u>Ward 15</u> Beats 78 &80	273	142	52.01

- 4.3 The following tables show the performance information on a ward by ward basis in terms of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

<b>January - March 2009</b>	<b><u>Ward 13</u></b>	<b><u>Ward 14</u></b>	<b><u>Ward 15</u></b>
No of Fire Fatalities	0	0	0
No of Fire Casualties	0	2	0
No of Fire related rescues	0	0	0
No of Accidental Fires in Dwellings	0	1	1
No of Home Fire Safety Visits	0	0	0
Number of Fires in non domestic properties	1	1	1
Total no of FDR1s	2	0	3
Total no of dwelling fires	0	1	1
Number of false alarm calls - malicious	0	0	0
Number of false alarm calls – good intent	8	2	5
Number of false alarm calls – unwanted (UFA)	10	7	7
No of deliberate primary fires	1	0	1
No of deliberate secondary fires	20	4	10
Total No of deliberate fires	21	4	11
No of Car Fires (Primary & Secondary)	1	0	2
No of RTCs where SFR Services used	1	0	0
No of RTC Fatalities	0	0	0
No of RTC Casualties	1	0	0

## 5. Local Actions and Outcomes

Excellent joint work continues with all partners and below are the local actions taken and associated outcomes include the following:

### **Standby Pilot with Strathclyde Police**

Housing Services and Strathclyde Police are currently piloting a new system whereby a Police Officer will work with Anti Social Investigators. A uniformed Police Officer is being provided on a rotational basis by the six area Inspectors for North Lanarkshire. This Officer works on Friday and Saturday nights from 8pm – 3am accompanying Investigators to call-outs to assist with issuing warnings and speaking with individuals causing anti social behaviour.

### **Violence Reduction Day – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

As part of the Strathclyde Police Force Violence Reduction Strategy a joint initiative between NLC and Strathclyde Police is taking place in the ND Subdivision area on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This initiative has been arranged in order to address gang issues and youth disorder in the area. A mobile information unit will be set up in Market Place Viewpark to provide a visible presence and to take enquiries, questions and complaints from members of the public. In addition to the mobile information unit Police Officers, Anti Social Investigation staff and Area Housing Staff will be carrying out joint visits to the homes of persistent offenders. High profile patrols will simultaneously be carried out throughout the subdivision to increase public reassurance and confidence.

### **Operation Fleet**

On 20<sup>th</sup> February officers from throughout the Force area including specialist departments such as the Mounted Branch, Dog Branch and Road Policing were engaged in the above

operation which targeted warrants, bail checks and anti social behaviour etc. Road traffic offenders and travelling criminals were also targeted.

Community policing teams with the assistance of probationary constables from Divisional training and core shift personnel carried out high visibility public reassurance patrols throughout all ward areas.

39 means enquiry warrants totalling £2525 were executed.

15 Apprehension warrants were executed.

104 stop searches were carried out, and 23 visits were made to licensed premises.

9 persons were reported for street drinking and 10 ASBO fixed penalty notices issued.

5 curfew bail checks and 45 domestic bail checks were also carried out resulting in 3 persons being arrested.

37 parental alert letters were issued and all schools in the ward areas were patrolled at lunch time and again at the end of the school day.

Road policing officers using ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) checked 3800 vehicles, resulting in 97 vehicle stops, 6 conditional offers issued, 2 vdrs, 2 vehicles seized and 7 reported for various RTA offences.

## **5. Recommendation**

It is recommended that members of the Local Area Partnership:

- (i) Note the contents of the report

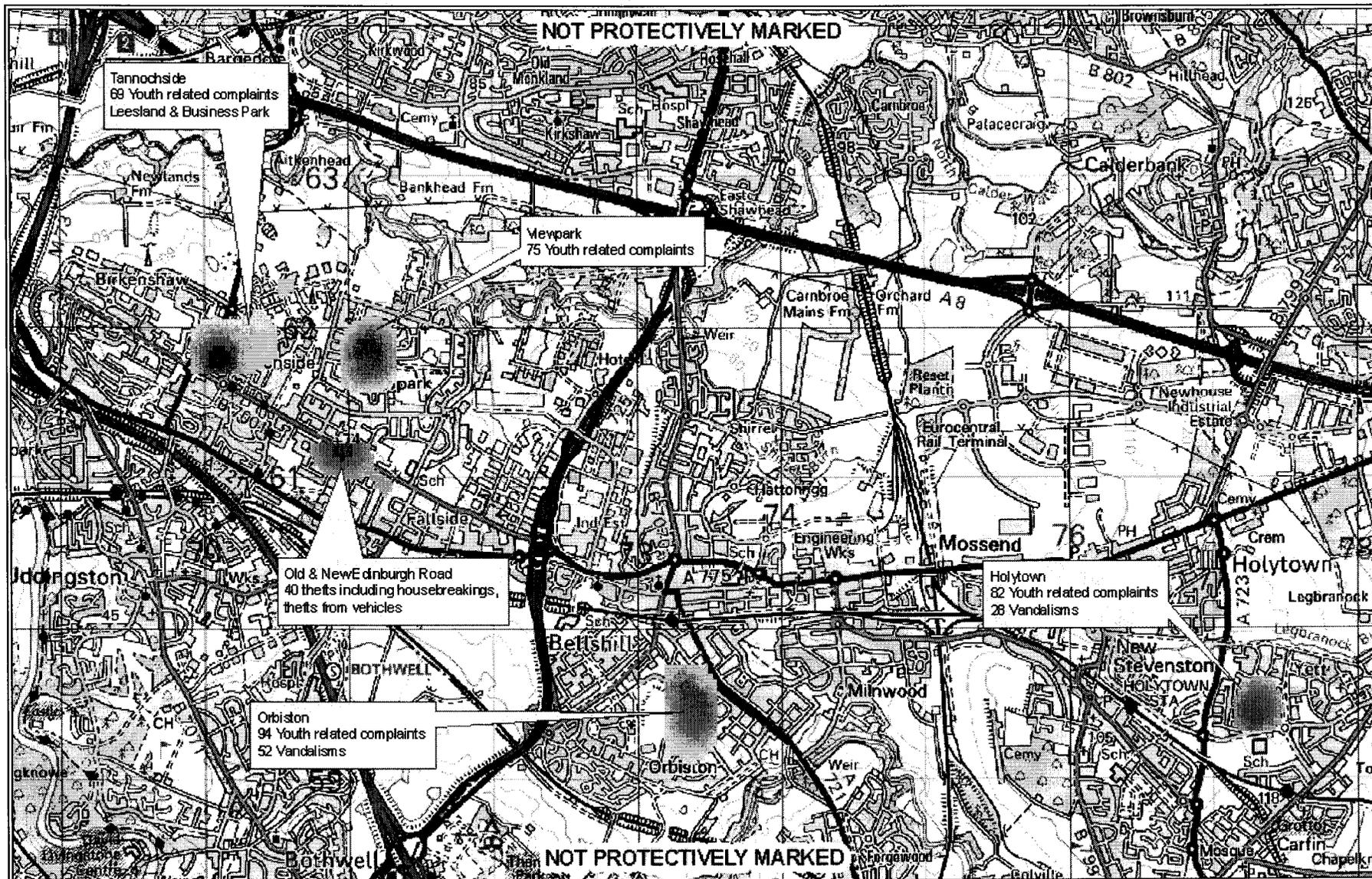


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## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Ward 13 – Thorniewood**

In Ward 13 there are currently 11 ASB cases under investigation and 6 being monitored. Three ASBO Interviews have taken place and two Acceptable Behaviour Agreements have been signed by residents of Ward 13.

#### **Viewpark**

Investigators and Community Police Officers are continuing to forge close working relationships. Two offenders have entered into Acceptable Behaviour Agreements, with both being interviewed within Viewpark Police Office jointly by Investigators and Community Police Officers. Meetings between Investigators and CPO's have taken place and a number of local issues and offenders, both emerging and persistent, have been jointly identified. Youth disorder continues to be a main area of concern in Viewpark and to address these problems joint visits to offenders homes are to be carried out. ASB Investigators have carried out regular drive-bys in the area and have reported an instance of fire raising to Strathclyde Police.

A case is currently being prepared to seek an ASBO against a persistent offender upon his release from prison.

Numerous local actions have been undertaken during this period, including the use of additional Public reassurance foot patrols which were deployed in Laburnum Road/ North Calder Road. Community Safety Dept & Schools liaison officer continue to provide media input & anti violence, vandalism and many other presentations to local schools. This area will continue to be robustly policed with additional resources when required to address any emerging problems and reassurance of the public.

Jog Scotland continues to be successful with considerable interest shown. The group meets each Saturday and is also incorporated into the physical education activities in the local schools. The group will continue for the foreseeable future.

In February a division wide action day took place with local actions throughout wards 13, 14 & 15. ASB Investigators were accompanied by local officers, carrying out house visits to problem tenants. Additional patrols were carried out within ward 13 to target problematic areas and curfew bail conditions and outstanding warrants.

In April local officers carried out an initiative, assisted by Road Policing, Benefits Agency & Trading Standards. This initiative was aimed at influencing driver behaviour, identifying benefit fraud, selling of counterfeit goods and bogus callers and was a successful and productive day for all parties involved.

Each month action days have been carried out in relation to outstanding warrant, particularly those relating to violence. These "warrant" days are set to continue regularly.

Violence Reduction Unit has regularly assisted within this area targeting youths known for violence and carrying weapons.

Local officers continue to be tasked daily with extra supervision in problematic areas within ward 13. This is reviewed daily and target areas changed accordingly.

Community Police officers carried out Alcohol Test purchases which resulted in one license holder and one assistant being charged with selling alcohol to underage persons.

Alco Safe Initiative, in partnership with NHS and local licensed premises, with coloured carrier bags issued to some off sales premises, has provided intelligence with regard underage persons purchasing alcohol, thus enabling officers to identify problematic off sales premises.

Due to the continued success of this initiative consideration is being given to expanding it to other areas.

### Youth Offender Meeting

Five youths from Ward 13 were discussed at the Youth Offender meeting.

### **Incidents of note/ Noteworthy Arrests: Ward 13**

A total of 175 persons were charged with street drinking within a period of 11 weeks over the three ward areas.

#### Beat 71: Tannochside

Drivers charged with careless driving.  
24yr old male charged with theft OLP of money from a vehicle.  
22yr old male charged with possession of Herbal Cannabis  
15yr old girl charged with possession of cannabis  
26yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
Off sales licensed holder and assistant charged with selling alcohol to underage person.175

#### Beat 72: Viewpark North

14yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
males aged 30, 41 & 45 were charged under the Trade Mark regulations in three separate incidents, selling copy DVD's  
14yr old male charged under the firearms act (air rifle)  
14yr old and 23yr old males charged with 5 thefts by housebreaking and 2 attempted HB's  
14 yr old male charged with vandalism x 2  
17yr old male charged with possession of a knife  
13yr & 15yr old males were charged with fireraising on two separate occasions.  
17yr old female charged with licensing offences  
Three males, aged 19yrs, 21yrs and 23yrs charged with Breach of Bail offences  
42yr old male charged with theft of a motor vehicle.  
31yr old male charged with serious assault with a machete.  
Two males. Aged 32yrs and 20yrs charged with window cleaning without a licence.  
12yr old male charged with indecent assault  
1 driver charged with careless driving  
5 drivers charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

#### Beat 73: Viewpark South

30yr old male charged with theft HB  
20yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
26yr old male charged with HB with intent to steal  
25yr old male charged with breach of bail conditions  
32yr old male charged with theft of a motor vehicle and being within the curtilage of premises with intent to steal.  
31yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
21yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
20yr old male charged under licensing act  
17yr old male charged with vandalism x 2  
14yr old male charged with vandalism x 2  
21yr old female charged with vandalism  
Three males aged 20, 32 & 38yrs charged with window cleaning without a license.

18yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
30yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
1 Driver charged with careless driving  
3 Drivers charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

## **Ward 14 – Bellshill**

In ward 14 there are currently 7 ASB cases under investigation, 6 being monitored and 1 case being dealt with by legal services.

### Bellshill

Investigators have carried out door to door enquiries and information gathering exercises in relation to three persistent problem areas in Ward 14. A verbal warning was issued to an offender within this area, and a further visit is planned to this offender following additional evidence gathered. Within Ward 14 several local gang members have been identified and investigation into youth disorder in this area is currently ongoing.

Youth disorder in the Area of Orbiston Kennels and Bankhead Stores has been robustly, policed by local officers who were also assisted by additional anti-disorder patrols, Support unit and dog handlers. This area will continue to be a priority in relation to youth disorder, with additional patrols by all available resources. The Jewel Scheme remains a priority for this ward and has been included in the above actions.

The success of the Blue Light Discos continues with the number of youths attending having significantly increased.

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The force Violence Reduction Unit has regularly assisted within ward 14 targeting youths known for violence and carrying weapons.

Licensed premises are regularly visited with a view to preventing and detecting underage persons purchasing alcohol and adults purchasing it on their behalf.

We continue to police the park with regards to drugs misuse and promiscuous sexual activity. Although there tends not to be many reported incidents, officers patrolling the park usually on cycle patrol continue to monitor the situation and gather intelligence from the park rangers. Additional policing patrols continue to be put in place at times when the park is in high demand such as bank holiday weekends.

## Youth Offender Meeting

Two youths who were previously discussed at the Youth Offender meeting have now been removed as a result of improvements in their behaviour.

### Incidents of note/ Noteworthy Arrests: Ward 14

#### Beat 74: Bellshill West

28 and 33 yr old males were charged with theft by HB's  
34yr old male charged with concerned in the supply of cannabis  
43yr old male charged with window cleaning without a licence.  
33yr old male charged with acting as an agent to purchase alcohol for underage persons  
54yr old female charged with theft OLP from a motor vehicle.  
34yr old male charged with breach of bail  
50yr old male charged with acting as an agent to purchase alcohol for underage persons.  
2 17yr old males charged with possession of cannabis  
23yr old male charged with possession of herbal cannabis.  
1 Driver charged with dangerous driving  
2 Drivers charged with careless driving

#### Beat 75: Hattonrigg

20yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
38yr old female charged with possession of cannabis  
47yr old male charged under refuse disposal act for dumping rubbish.  
22yr old male charged with cleaning windows without a licence.  
2 males 34 & 38yrs charged with breaching bail conditions.  
35male charged with culpable and reckless conduct  
21yr old male charged under firearms act (air rifle)  
33yr old male charged with possession of a lock knife  
1 Driver charged with speeding  
1 Driver charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

#### Beat 76: Town Centre & Mossend

20yr old male charged with serious assault  
43yr old female & 61yr old male charged under Trade Mark Regulations (DVD's)  
24yr old male charged with Theft OLP from a motor Vehicle.  
20yr old male charged theft of diesel  
21yr old male charged with public indecency  
20yr old male charged with vandalism  
20yr, 21yr & 27yr old males charged with possession of Cannabis  
28yr old female charged with possession of diazepam  
25yr old male charged with possession of herbal Cannabis.  
19yr and 14 yr old males charged with vandalisms  
50yr old male charged with attempt murder  
1 Driver charged with driving under the influence of Alcohol.

Beat 77: Jewel Scheme & surrounding area  
 47yr old female charged with serious assault  
 12yr old male charged with theft of a bike  
 18yr old male charged with possession of cannabis  
 22yr old male charged with possession of cocaine  
 14 & 15yr old males charged with theft of cctv cameras  
 23 & 32 yr old males charged with littering  
 14 yr old male charged under firearms act (air rifle)  
 18yr old female charged with vandalism  
 Charged with offensive weapons:  
 21yr old male (Knife)  
 22yr old male (brick)  
 16yr old male (metal pole)  
 19yr old male (hammer)  
 21yr old male (hammer)  
 Breach of bail:  
 17yr old male x 3  
 20yr old male  
 27yr old male  
 29yr old female charged with theft of property from  
 Common close.  
 1 Driver charged with careless driving  
 Possession of controlled drugs:  
 40yr old male (diazepam)  
 20yr old male (cocaine)  
 29yr old male (cannabis)  
 33yr old male (cannabis)  
 16yr old female & 17yr old male possession and  
 Concerned in the supply of Ecstasy  
 38yr old male possession and concerned in the  
 Supply of valium  
 29yr old male possession and concerned in the  
 Supply of several types of controlled drugs

### **Ward 15 – Mossend and Holytown**

In Ward 15 there are currently 3 ASB cases under investigation, 3 being monitored and 2 cases being dealt with by legal services.

#### Mossend and Holytown

In relation to the 2 cases at legal within ward 15, further action will be taken once Hamilton Sheriff Court has disposed of all Breaches of ASBO and Breaches of the Peace. An Extract of Conviction has been received with regards to a drug case with a resident within ward 15. Investigation is currently ongoing.

Local actions have focused additional patrols, from both Community Police, core shift and public reassurance groups, in the area of Myrtle Drive/ Redwood Road, Shirrel Road /Park, Holytown.

Additional patrols by Community Police officers and Core shift robustly policed this ward in relation to reports of a large number of youths with weapons, resulting in persons being warned / arrested.

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Licensed premises are regularly visited with a view to preventing and detecting underage persons purchasing alcohol and adults purchasing it on their behalf.

The quality of life in this area remains a priority; therefore the above features will continue to be monitored closely. Any reported incidents of youth disorder are highlighted and actioned timeously for Community and core shift officers alike.

#### Youth Offender Meeting

Two youths who were previously discussed at the Youth Offender meeting have now been removed due to improvement in their behaviour. Housing Services will request the addition of a youth within ward 15 to be placed on the Youth Offender meeting following increased anti social behaviour. Further a warning will be issued against the tenancy of the parents of this youth.

#### Incidents of note/ Noteworthy Arrests: Ward 15

Beat 78: Orbiston & surrounding area

Misuse of Drugs:

50yr old female charged with possession and supply of cannabis

38yr old female charged with possession and supply of heroin and cannabis

18yr old male charged with possession and supply of cocaine

24yr old male charged with possession and supply of cannabis, herbal cannabis and cocaine

36yr old male charged with possession and supply of diazepam

19,25&28yr old males charged with possession of cannabis

14 & 25yr old males charged with reset of mp3's

16 & 18yr old males charged with offensive weapons (metal poles)

18yr old male charged under the Protection of Children

29yr old male charged with cleaning window without a licence

16 & 18 yr old males charged with breach of bail

44yr old male charged with theft HB

27yr old female charged under Animal Health & Welfare act.  
14 & 16yr old males were charged with robbery of a mobile phone

Beat 80: Holytown

Misuse of drugs:

2 x 18yr old males charged with possession of cannabis  
2 x 16yr old males charged with possession of cannabis and cocaine  
2 x 22yr old males charged with possession of cannabis and herbal cannabis  
20 & 23yr old males charged with possession of cannabis  
41yr old male charged with possession and supply of amphetamine sulphate  
37yr old male charged with possession and supply of ecstasy and cocaine  
52yr old male charged with being concerned in the supply of cocaine  
1 Driver charged with dangerous driving  
17 & 39 yr old males charged with breach of bail conditions  
63yr old male charged with attempt murder  
14yr old female charged with serious assault  
31yr old male charged under licensing act