

To: Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership		Subject: Community Safety Report	
From: Housing and Social Work Services Strathclyde Police Strathclyde Fire and Rescue			
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership on developments with the current joint work taking place between Strathclyde Police, Housing and Social Work Services and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue for the period from July to August 2009.

2. Background

The report includes statistical information from each of the partners and a ward by ward summary of notable incidents. Appendix 1 provides an update of all community safety related activities for each of the partners.

3. Summary of Key Activity by Partners

The following shows what has been reported to the Housing and Social Work Services in terms of Anti-social behaviour and the relevant action which has been taken to address these problems:

Number of New Complaints		Ongoing Cases		Actions Taken	
July – August 2009	Previous Quarter	July – August 2009	Previous Quarter	July – August 2009	Previous Quarter
Ward 13 – 7	(14)	Ward 13 – 9	(19)	First Warning – 7	(11)
Ward 14 – 13	(19)	Ward 14 – 11	(13)	Final Warning – 1	(3)
Ward 15 – 5	(15)	Ward 15 – 7	(10)	ASBO Interview – 1	(5)
Breakdown					
Noise – 10	(23)				5 UBN's Signed
Gang – 1	(2)				2 ABA 's Signed
Racial – 1	(1)				
Harassment – 3	(9)				
Children –	(1)				
Violence –	(1)				
Vandalism – 4	(4)				
Drugs – 2	(4)				
Other – 4	(3)				

Statistical Evaluation

There has been a reduction in the number of new complaints received during this period compared to the previous reports statistics. This is due to this report only covering a two month period instead of the normal three month period. Complaints of harassment have reduced considerably in this period, further no complaints have been made regarding anti social behaviour from children and violence in this period. The improvement with regards to children's behaviour may have resulted from the Violence Reduction Day which took place on 29th April 2009. This was a highly visible exercise where a joint approach was taken by Strathclyde Police and Anti Social Behaviour Investigators to target youth behaviour.

3.3 Mediation Services

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

	July	August	
Ward No	Referred to Mediation	Referred to Mediation	Total
13			
14			
15		1	1
Total		1	1

3.4 Statistical Evaluation

These mediation figures represent a decrease in referrals as the total for the two

month period represented on this report is less than the total for the previous two months. However further work will be carried out in the area to highlight the benefits of mediation for residents within Bellshill and District.

The following table shows the performance information on a ward by ward basis in terms of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue:

	Ward 13	Ward 14	Ward 15	Total
Number of fire Fatalities (F) and fire Casualties (C)	0	0	0	0
Number of accidental house fires	2	0	3	5
Number of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV)	21	9	11	41
Number of deliberate fires	13	8	6	27
Number of false alarms malicious	2	0	2	4
Number of false alarms (Code 3 system fault)	28	15	19	62
Number of road traffic collisions where SFR services used	1	0	1	2

Comments

The total number of operational incidents attended in the 2 month period was 148. This accounts for 12.7% of the North Lanarkshire total.

4 Local Actions and Outcomes

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

Throughout the period Sub Divisional officers from Bellshill have been proactively and reactively policing the area to prevent and detect crime to increase the quality of life for residents living and working in the Sub division. This has been done using analyst reports of incident and crime trends to identify areas requiring extra attention. Throughout Wards 13, 14 and 15 officers have been robustly policing curfew and bail checks and carrying out high visibility patrols to reducing the fear of crime & providing the message to those involved in violence and anti-social behaviour that it will not be tolerated.

Local officers have been supported during this period by force support services including the Mounted branch, Support unit, the force helicopter and the Violence Reduction Task Force.

Through pro active disclosure and forging good links with CCTV operators, licensed premises staff and other services such as Housing Anti Social Investigators, problematic locations and offenders have been identified early, enabling solutions to be sought prior to any escalation of violence and anti social behaviour.

Throughout wards 13, 14, and 15 there were 142 persons reported for street drinking.

4.2 Action Days – 7th, 8th, 28th and 29th October 2009

On 7th, 8th, 28th and 29th October 2009 a planned joint initiative between North Lanarkshire Council and Strathclyde Police is taking place in the ND subdivision area. This initiative has been arranged to predominately target individuals associated with gangs, violence and disorder within the Bellshill and Viewpark area. A clear message will be delivered that Anti Social Behaviour will not be tolerated. This will provide public reassurance, reduce the potential for incidents of violence within North Lanarkshire and maximise enforcement opportunities to reduce levels of repeat offender behaviour. A mobile information unit will be placed in the following areas; Linnet Road / Tollhouse Gardens, Jewel Scheme, Viewpark North and Viewpark South respectively.

This mobile unit will 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 and Anti Social Investigators will be carrying out joint visits to the homes of persistent offenders. It is also anticipated that Estate Management Staff and CLAD will be there to provide support and advice to local residents. These events will be highly publicised and it is anticipated that it will help to reduce crime and disorder in these areas and improve our relations with members of the public.

4.3 Bellshill and District Local Area Team - Community Safety Sub Group

Effective joint working, through tasking and co-ordinating, has resulted in several positive outcomes in the Bellshill and district area. Joint initiatives between the police and council services has resulted in effective action being taken to address anti social behaviour in areas of Bellshill and Viewpark, particularly addressing the challenging area of under-reporting of complaints and concerns. Pro-active information sharing has also resulted in important enforcement actions being taken.

Partners on the group are developing a strategy to deal with community safety issues at the Calder bridge area and it is hoped that the measures introduced will have a long term impact on the problems being caused in this area.

A number of initiatives have been progressed through the group in relation to youth diversionary projects. There is clear evidence of positive working between the partners and the community forum in respect of the highly successful Blue Light disco which has been very popular and has had a positive impact on offending behaviour across the area. Further projects are being considered for the Holytown area to address anti-social behaviour issues.

Information from the community forum relating to gang activity at an area in Viewpark has resulted in effective enforcement action being taken by Police and Anti-social teams. It has also resulted in action being planned in relation to the 'You Tube' website which was being used to promote anti social behaviour in this area. Community Learning and Development have also been involved in mapping and development of youth activities in this area. The community forum has also brought several items of concern to the group relating to issues from road safety to criminal activity throughout the area.

5 Recommendation

It is recommended that members of the Local Area Partnership:

- (i) Note the contents of the report

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Current Activity/Issues**Ward 13 - Thorniewood**

Community Police Officer/s	
Sgt Derek Hamilton N75	
PC Gordon Robertson N529	PC Stuart Bell N631
PC Graham McAdam N581	PC Christopher Bayne N450
PC Robert Andrews N698	PC Marc Frullani N456

During the period there were a total of **1018** incidents and **216** crime reports raised for the ward.

Within Ward 13 there has been numerous local actions undertaken throughout the period in support of the Campaign Against Violence including the additional high visibility public reassurance patrols by the support unit and mounted branch in addition to the plain clothed proactive Gangs Task Force targeting youths known for violence, disorder and carrying weapons,

This area will continue to be robustly policed with additional resources when required to address any emerging problems and reassurance of the public.

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.

Tannochside

There were **186** incidents and **24** crime reports raised during the period.

Tannochside is mainly residential area encompassing Calderbraes residential estate and the Birkenshaw Trading Estate that has everyday issues which require police involvement.

Regular visits are made to the local authority housing office to discuss issues relevant to the area and liaison also continues with the relevant partner agencies to discuss a joint approach to the recurring issues affecting the community.

Few reports or complaints are received from the residents of this area. The area continues to be relatively settled during the report period.

Viewpark North

There were **420** incidents and **92** crime reports raised during the period.

Viewpark North is an area of mixed residential, commercial and industrial premises and encompasses Tannochside Business Park, Righead Industrial Estate and Strathclyde Business Park. Youths causing annoyance, drinking & noise complaints are the main cause of concern for the residents in the Viewpark North area. The main areas of concern are Old Edinburgh Road particularly the area surrounding Scotmid, Tannochside Business Park and Laburnum Road including the Glen area.

Due to the large residential area domestic related incidents and the policing challenges that they provide are frequent however officers continue to diligently enquire into all complaints received and

a robust approach towards policing of domestic abuse offenders continues to develop to tackle this issue.

Acts of youth disorder, vandalism, drugs offences & anti-social behaviour are prominent in the crimes reported to the police. The area continues to be the focus of police attention, particularly at peak times on Friday/Saturday evenings with additional hi-visibility police patrols from the support unit and mounted branch in the area.

Viewpark South

There were **412** incidents and **100** crime reports raised during the period.

Viewpark South is a mainly residential area that requires policing of every day issues such as vandalism, drug offences and thefts. Particular areas of concern for local residents in Viewpark South include Osprey Drive where youths regularly congregate causing annoyance. Angus Walk and the surrounding flats and park area are also a concern in relation to violence and disorder. This area has been proactively policed by both plain clothed and high visibility sub divisional uniform personnel and force resources such as the support unit and mounted branch and the Violence Reduction Task Force.

Due to Viewpark South being a mainly residential area domestic abuse related incidents and the policing challenges that they provide are frequent however officers continue to diligently enquire into all complaints received and a robust approach towards policing of domestic abuse offenders continues to develop to tackle this issue.

Ward 13 - Incidents of note/ Noteworthy Arrests

A 21 year old female was charged with culpable and reckless conduct.

A 40 year old male was found in possession of stolen property and subsequently charged with reset.

A 19 year old male was reported to the procurator fiscal after being found in possession of cannabis resin

A 16 year old male was charged with a racially aggravated assault and breach of the peace.

A 58 year old male was charged with attempted murder and fire raising.

A 31 year old male and a 34 year old male were charged with serious assault.

Two 15 year old youths were reported after being found in possession of cannabis resin.

Three youths aged 11 – 14 were charged with malicious mischief after several vehicles were damaged.

A 34 year old female was charged with fraud after obtaining money by deception.

A 22 year old male along with a 19 year old male were charged with licensing offences in relation to window cleaning.

A 36 year old male was charged with passing forged bank notes.

Housing & Social Work Services - Ward 13

- There are currently 4 Anti Social cases under investigation
- 5 anti social cases are being monitored

- 2 first warnings have been issued to offenders within this ward

Investigators and Community Police Officers are continuing to work closely to deal with anti social behaviour. Several joint visits to offenders to ensure awareness of action that can be taken by both organisations in respect to anti social behaviour.

Ward 14 - Bellshill

Community Police Officer/s	
Sgt Anne Robertson N42	
PC John MacLeod N604	PC David Morrison N541
PC Nicola Hope N556	PC Alan Mulholland N845
PC Martin Grieve N636	PC Stewart Douglas N634

During the period there were a total of **1009** incidents and **209** crime reports raised for the ward.

Youth disorder in the Area of Orbiston Kennels and Bankhead Stores has been robustly, policed by local officers who were also assisted by additional high visibility anti-disorder patrols by the Support unit and the Mounted Branch. Efforts in this area were further supported by the force helicopter and the plain clothed force Violence Reduction Unit targeting youths known for violence, disorder and weapon carrying. This area will continue to be a priority in relation to youth disorder, with additional patrols by all available resources. The Jewel Scheme and "Bing" area remains a priority for this ward and has also been incorporated into the above actions.

Both on and off sales licensed premises are regularly visited with a view to preventing and detecting underage persons purchasing alcohol and adults purchasing it on their behalf. During the weekends licensed premises are and will continue to be robustly policed to prevent drink fueled violence and disorder.

Bellshill West

There were **330** incidents and **74** crime reports raised during the period.

Bellshill West includes The West end Scheme where youth disorder, assaults, vandalisms & incidents of anti-social behaviour are the most common crimes that have been reported. Local officers have been supported by the mounted branch and support unit to provide a highly visible police presence in this area to reduce the volume of youth related disorder calls and for public reassurance patrols.

Due to the major road works that continue in Bellshill traffic management has also been an area that local officers have focused on throughout the period to robustly police parking legislation to alleviate congestion at peak times.

Bellshill Industrial estate is located within Bellshill West where officers are tasked daily with providing extra attention to the industrial estate to prevent crimes such as theft and detect any suspicious persons.

Hattonrigg

There were **225** incidents and **48** crime reports raised during the period.

This is a mainly residential area with associated retail premises and schools. Areas of complaint include Kelvin Road where there are frequent complaints in relation to youths causing annoyance at

the licensed premises and the park area between Clay Crescent and Allan Grove where youths are reportedly drinking and causing annoyance to local residents. The areas are robustly policed by local officers and off licenses are regularly visited to forge good relationships between staff and police to minimise the opportunities that underage youths have to access alcohol.

Jewel Scheme/ Bankhead

There were **454** incidents and **87** crime reports raised during the period.

This area includes Orbiston, the jewel scheme, Bellshill Golf Club and the North of Strathclyde Park. The main issues in relation to this area are related to violence, disorder and anti social behaviour.

The Area of Orbiston Kennels and Bankhead Stores along with the Jewel Scheme and "Bing" area continue to be an area of youth disorder and violence which has and will continue to be robustly policed by local officers. Throughout the period this area has been targeted for action by both sub divisional and force personnel. Local officers are tasked daily to provide extra attention to this area and this action has been supported by force resources such as the Mounted Branch, Support Unit and the force Violence Reduction Unit. Furthermore the force helicopter crew are aware of the problems occurring in this area and take observations on the area when possible and update officers on the ground in efforts to identify persons responsible. This area will continue to be a priority in relation to youth disorder, with additional patrols by all available resources.

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 road traffic offences, drugs misuse and promiscuous sexual activity.

Ward 14 - Incidents of note/ Noteworthy Arrests

A 21 year old male was charged with theft of diesel from an industrial premise.

A 28 year old male was charged with offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 in relation to the production of a controlled drug.

A 17 year old male was charged with fraud after obtaining money by deception.

A 15 year old male was charged with public indecency.

Three 14 year old youths were charged with theft.

A 36 year old female was charged with breaching an Anti Social Behaviour Order.

A 52 year old male and a 46 year old male were charged with firearms and wildlife legislation after shooting wild birds

Three people were charged with numerous offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 in relation to being involved in the supply of controlled drugs.

A 15 year old youth was charged with assault involving the use of a knife

A 64 year old female and a 42 year old male were charged with various offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 in relation to being involved in the supply of a controlled drug.

A 15 year old male was charged with serious assault.

A 25 year old male was charged with exposing a child to harm. A 17 year old male and a 26 year old male were charged with assault, breach of the peace and resist arrest.

5 male youths have been charged in connection with an attempted murder.

Housing & Social Work Services - Ward 14

- There are currently 5 anti social cases under investigation
- 4 offenders are being monitored
- 1 case is being progressed by legal services
- 4 first warnings have been served on offenders in this ward
- 1 final warning has been served on an offender in this ward
- 1 Anti Social Behaviour Interview has taken place with an offender

Ward 15 - Mossend and Holytown

Community Police Officer/s	
Sgt Pauline Smith N507	
PC Andrew Arthur N905	PC Barry Maguire N441
PC Eric McNaught N591	PC Michael Booker N459

During the period there were a total of **1184** incidents and **267** crime reports raised for the ward.

Ward 15 incorporates Bellshill Town Centre, Mossend and the village of Holytown. Also included in Ward 15 are Euro central and Newhouse industrial estates.

Within Bellshill town Centre use of the CCTV systems are optimized to identify any potential disorder that can be diffused before escalating into violence. Licensed premises are regularly visited with a view to preventing and detecting underage persons purchasing alcohol and adults purchasing it on their behalf.

Bellshill town Centre

There were **387** incidents and **101** crime reports raised during the period.

Bellshill town centre is robustly policed by high visibility core and community personnel with particular attention being paid to licensed premises in an attempt to prevent drink fuelled violence and disorder. On a weekly basis officers are tasked with patrolling this area for public reassurance and to deter crime. Off licenses continue to be visited regularly and good relationships with staff have allowed any issues such as youths harassing customers to buy alcohol to be identified quickly and addressed. Traffic management though Bellshill town centre during the major road works has also been an area that both core and community personnel are addressing.

Public space CCTV continues to play an important role in the town centre and close links have been forged with camera operators ensuring strong evidential footage of those engaged in criminality are obtained for any future proceedings.

Enforcement and proactive patrols of the area are still vital to public reassurance, reducing the fear of crime & providing the message to those involved in anti-social behaviour that it will not be tolerated.

Mossend/ Orbiston

There were **450** incidents and **99** crime reports raised during the period.

Mossend is a mainly residential area that requires policing of every day issues such as vandalism, drug offences and anti social behaviour. This area includes the Thorndean, Milnwood and Mossend areas of Bellshill which is mainly residential however also covers Milnwood Park and the Sandy park which are area known to be frequently by youths who cause annoyance to local residents. The Central Mosque is also situated within this area and good links have been established which allows any problems to be quickly identified and solutions sought.

Holytown

There were **347** incidents and **67** crime reports raised during the period.

This area includes the village of Holytown, the village of Holytown is mainly a residential area with associated shops and services. Eurocentral and Newhouse Industrial Estates are also included within Ward 15. Officers are tasked daily to patrol the industrial estates to prevent crimes such as theft and to detect any suspicious activity.

Ward 15 - Incidents of note/ Noteworthy Arrests

A 36 year old male was charged with distraction theft

A 16 year old female and a 42 year old female were charged with theft by shoplifting.

A 47 year old female was charged with assaulting a police officer.

A 54 year old female was charged with offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

A 19 year old male was charged with brandishing an offensive weapon.

A 28 year old female has been charged with assaulting a police officer.

A 16 year old male has been charged with littering.

A 15 year old male and a 16 year old male were charged with theft by shoplifting.

A 13 year old male was charged with indecent assault.

A 40 year old male was charged with being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs

A 22 year old male was charged with serious assault.

A 13 year old youth has been charged with being in possession of an offensive weapon.

A 20 year old male has been charged in relation to having an air weapon in public.

A 22 year old male has been charged with offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 for being involved in the supply of a controlled drug.

A 20 year old female has been charged with various road traffic offences including drink driving.

A 42 year old female has been charged with fraud by passing forged documents.

A 30 year old female was charged with assault, breach of the peace, resist arrest and two charges of police assault.

A 15 year old male was charged with possession of cannabis resin.

A 47 year old female was charged with drink driving.

A 22 year old male has been charged with public indecency

A 31 year old female has been charged with careless driving.

A 15 year old male has been charged with various driving offences including dangerous driving.

A 22 year old male has been charged with driving whilst under the influence of drugs.

Housing & Social Work Services – Ward 15

- There are currently 4 cases of anti social under investigation
- 3 cases are at monitor
- 1 case is being progressed by legal services

- 1 first warning has been issued against an offender within this area

Investigators are currently carrying out extensive door to door enquiries and an information gathering exercise in relation to a persistent problems area within ward 15. Regular drive by's have been carried out in this problem area in an attempt to gather further evidence regarding ongoing issues of vandalism and disorder.