

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL & DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
Date: 23 RD OCTOBER 2014	Ref: SL/MC	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Bellshill & District Local Area Partnership on progress with Community Safety in the locality and the joint work carried out in the area by the Local Community Safety Sub-Group (CSSG) over the last 6 months.

2. Background

2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the impact which the Local Area Team, Community Safety Sub-groups and general joint partnership work creates within the area.

3. Proposals/Considerations

3.1 Appendix 1 provides a statistical analysis for the period April – September 2014. There is also attached at appendix 2 an up to date summary of the Community Safety Subgroup Action Plan that is regularly updated by partners using the Sharepoint system. Appendix 3 provides a summary of anti-social complaints received for the period.

4. Promoting Positive Outcomes

4.1 Fallside Secondary School is situated within Viewpark and caters for secondary pupils aged between 11-16 years who have social, emotional or behavioural needs. A group of pupils recently visited HMP Barlinnie to learn about the prison system and see first-hand the workings of the establishment. This proved beneficial for both pupils and staff and generated a lot of discussion.

4.2 The Friday Night Projects, in Birkenshaw and Holytown continue to attract large numbers of young people. The projects take place in areas identified as having the need for diversionary activities on a Friday evening. The initiative is open to all young people 9-21 years and uses a partnership approach to working with young people. The aims are to reduce the reported youth related antisocial behaviour and street drinking incidents in the identified areas whilst the project is ongoing, to support young people to explore the issues of health and wellbeing and to highlight other learning opportunities in the local community.

- 4.3 The Antisocial Response Team was launched on Thursday 3rd April 2014. There were 338 complaints received for the Bellshill and Viewpark Locality during June 2014 to August 2014. This is an increase of 203 (59.88%) from the previous quarter.
- 4.4 A number of tables are attached as appendix 3 showing a breakdown of the complaint type for the period, a comparison for the same period last year and a comparison of the overall complaints received for both years. It should be noted that there has been an increase from last year however; this is to be expected given the launch and resultant publicity of the new service.
- 4.5 Housing and Social Work Services and Police Scotland continue to work in partnership to achieve positive outcomes for our service users. The Service Delivery Co-ordinator (Housing Support) attends the weekly meeting with the Area Inspector and Service Delivery Co-ordinator (Anti-Social Behaviour) to discuss ongoing incidents and to share relevant information. A meeting has also been arranged with the Area Inspector and Service Delivery Co-ordinator on Thursday 11th September 2014 to review the existing liaison arrangements and to consider ways of improving communication and information sharing.
- 4.6 Housing Advisors and Antisocial Response Officers continue to make direct referrals to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service when concerns are highlighted and there continues to be close liaison with regard to the Sheltered Housing Service.
- 4.7 Local Chairpersons Meetings were held on 18th June and 25th August 2014 and all actions are being progressed, where relevant in partnership, with other services and agencies.
- 4.8 Agate Terrace has been relatively quiet this quarter with a slight reduction in complaints being received. However, a case is currently being prepared to pass to Legal Services to pursue an Anti Social Behaviour Order.
- 4.9 A Tenant Led Inspection was carried out on 14th August 2014 with the Dual (Jewel) Scheme Residents Association. Representatives from Housing and Social Work Services, Lanarkshire Housing Association, Property Services, Police Scotland, and two residents were in attendance. Various repairs were noted for action by Property Services. Concerns were raised regarding youths congregating at the rear of Cheers pub and Police Scotland will monitor.
- 4.10 In addition to SFRS on-going Sheltered Housing Initiative, 8 Cook Safe sessions are in the process of being delivered to targeted sheltered housing complexes throughout North Lanarkshire. These events focus on safety relative to fire whilst cooking and preparation of cost effective nutritional meals.
- 4.11 North Lanarkshire's successful FireReach programme is once again fully booked for the year ahead with 23 High Schools and 2 EBDNs participating throughout the year. Over the next 3 months attending schools will be Bellshill Academy and Cardinal Newman High School.
- 4.12 Road Safety engagement initiative 'Cut-it-Out' continues to be delivered to Secondary Schools throughout North Lanarkshire.

- 4.13 SFRS in partnership with CLD delivered a series of successful 'Summer Outreach Events' across all localities. The initiative was designed to engage with the youth of North Lanarkshire and deliver a programme that would reduce secondary fire activity and anti-social behavioural activity during the schools summer break. Larger events were held in Motherwell, Wishaw, Coatbridge and Airdrie localities with over 200 young people being engaged with. Due to the success of the trial and positive feedback received from the youths this will be developed further.
- 4.14 During the reporting period July to September 2014 a total of 774 Home Fire Safety Visits were conducted across North Lanarkshire. 86 such visits were conducted within the Bellshill & District LAP area

Bellshill Youth Forum and Bellshill Academy pupils are about to undertake a peer lead education programme to alert and get a strong message across on the subject of wilful fire raising by young people in their community. The project will see young people from both the forum and Bellshill pupils working together to produce a multimedia educational pack and deliver this to school class, youth groups and other youth organisations throughout the Bellshill locality area.

Participants will research and work with partners in NLC, Scottish Fire & Rescue and Police Scotland to produce a comprehensive and on message session delivery pack and social media campaign to highlight the dangers of wilful fire raising and how it can impact on vital services and the risk to others in their com

5. Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the Partnership's commitment to tackling community safety in all our localities.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note the content of this report.

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23rd October 2014

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NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP

**BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA TEAM
COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB GROUP**



**AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY PROBLEM SOLVING
PROFILE AND ACTION PLAN FOR PRIORITY WARD:-**

**Ward 15
Mossend & Holytown
1st April 2014 – 30th September 2014**

Monthly Performance Update Ward 15

Incidents April – September 2014

There were **2779** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **2515 (+10%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September there were **2848** incidents which represents a **2%** reduction.

Incident types include:

Incident Type	Apr – Sep 14	Oct 13 – Mar 14	%	Apr – Sep 13	%
Assault	55	44	+25%	47	+17%
Assist Member of the Public	330	335	-1%	386	-15%
Complaint (Youths, Fights, Noise etc)	316	243	+30%	378	-16%
Disorder (Gangs, Large scale fights etc)	111	83	+34%	101	+10%
Domestic	73	88	-17%	87	-16%
Drugs	42	46	-9%	30	+40%
Fire	45	37	+22%	47	-4%
Neighbour Dispute	33	15	+120%	37	-11%
Noisy Parties	94	51	+84%	71	+32%
Racial	1	10	-90%	7	-86%
Road Traffic	458	484	-5%	513	-11%
Street Drinking	13	15	-13%	29	-55%
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	44	48	-8%	51	-14%
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	224	191	+17%	216	+4%
Vandalism	90	94	-4%	84	+7%
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	11	11	0%	14	-21%

*** ASB incidents highlighted in the table above

325 (12%) were youth related compared to **256 (10%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. A **27%** increase.

657 (24%) related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **501 (20%)** last period. A **31%** increase since last period.

Crime Reports April – September 2014

There were **745** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **854 (-13%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **895** crimes which represents a **17%** reduction.

468 (63%) crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **572 (67%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014.

Monthly Performance Update Ward 13

Incidents April – September 2014

There were **2282** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **2263 (+1%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September there were **2436** incidents which represents a **9%** reduction.

Incident types include:

Incident Type	Apr – Sep 14	Oct 13 – Mar 14	%	Apr – Sep 13	%
Assault	25	28	-11%	33	-24%
Assist Member of the Public	231	270	-14%	286	-19%
Complaint (Youths, Fights, Noise etc)	190	162	17%	295	-36%
Disorder (Gangs, Large scale fights etc)	83	87	-5%	89	-7%
Domestic	86	82	+5%	75	+15%
Drugs	33	35	-6%	40	-18%
Fire	39	29	+34%	51	-24%
Neighbour Dispute	42	34	24%	38	+11%
Noisy Parties	64	98	-35%	61	+5%
Racial	1	3	-67%	9	-89%
Road Traffic	482	496	-3%	483	0%
Street Drinking	9	24	-125%	15	-40%
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	43	49	-12%	43	0%
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	143	163	-12%	123	+16%
Vandalism	56	52	8%	55	+2%
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	8	3	63%	16	-50%

*** ASB incidents highlighted in the table above

238 (10%) were youth related compared to **185 (8%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. A **29%** increase.

444 (19%) related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **437 (19%)** last period. A **2%** increase since last period.

Crime Reports April – September 2014

There were **531** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **737 (-28%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **717** crimes which represents a **26%** reduction.

337 (63%) crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **543 (74%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014

Monthly Performance Update Ward 14

Incidents April –September 2014

There were **2109** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **1782 (+18%)** between October 2013. For the same period in 2013, between April & September there were **2161** incidents which represents a **2%** reduction.

Incident types include:

Incident Type	Apr – Sep 14	Oct 13 – Mar 14	%	Apr – Sep 13	%
Assault	47	35	+34%	48	-2%
Assist Member of the Public	311	233	+33%	291	+7%
Complaint (Youths, Fights, Noise etc)	247	219	+13%	327	-24%
Disorder (Gangs, Large scale fights etc)	98	105	-7%	122	-20%
Domestic	72	85	-15%	83	-13%
Drugs	27	28	-4%	33	-18%
Fire	45	24	+88%	45	0%
Neighbour Dispute	36	23	+57%	25	+44%
Noisy Parties	91	84	+8%	100	-9%
Racial	3	3	0%	5	-40%
Road Traffic	157	160	-2%	156	+1%
Street Drinking	12	8	+50%	18	-33%
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	30	35	-14%	44	-32%
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	105	94	+12%	155	-32%
Vandalism	98	91	+8%	100	-2%
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	3	0	+100%	0	0%

*** ASB incidents highlighted in the table above

331 (16%) were youth related compared to **240 (13%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. A **38%** increase.

582 (28%) related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **530 (36%)** last period. A **10%** increase since last period.

Crime Reports April – September 2014

There were **698** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **634 (+10%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **651** crimes which represents an **7%** increase.

476 (68%) crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **435 (69%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014.

Bellshill Local Area Partnership

Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
23.09.14	Ward 13 - Thorniewood (Viewpark Gardens, Baird Avenue)	Vandalism to gardens area	Area continues to be monitored and Police have identified offenders	Regeneration and Environmental Services Housing and Social Work Services Learning & Leisure Services Environmental Services Police Scotland	Increased Police patrol. Reduction in calls to police re Antisocial behaviour in area noted. Joint work ongoing to monitor case. New fencing approved through LAP to be installed in 2014.
23.09.14	Ward 15 - Bellshill (Sandy Park)	Poor lighting conditions and ASB	Site visits have taken place and diversionary work is planned. Additional lighting approved by LAP. Streetwork teams are attending area to engage with youths Complaints relating to area have reduced	Regeneration and Environmental Services Housing and Social Work Services Learning & Leisure Services Police Scotland	Improved perceptions of community safety in area due to increased police patrols. This has resulted in a reduction in complaints relating to the area. Joint work ongoing to monitor case. Further funding being sought for improved lighting in area
23.09.14	Ward 15 - Main	Youth disorder and	Joint visits carried out	Regeneration	Public perceptions of ASB

	Street Bellshill Town Centre	vandalism	and action taken against identified individuals. Regular contact maintained with complainant and further joint visits undertaken. Lighting in area will also be replaced to improve community safety.	Services Police Scotland Housing and Social Work Services Town Centre Activities	reduced and increased Police patrols. Joint work ongoing to monitor case. Improved, safer environment through enhanced lighting. Public seating to be re- located to address issues of concern
23.09.14	Ward 15 - Clyde Drive area	Wheelie bin storage/hazard	SFRS have carried out Home Fire Safety Visits and gave advice on safe storage in bin areas	Regeneration Services Housing and Social Work Services Scottish Fire and Rescue Police Scotland	Public awareness of issues highlighted. Joint work ongoing to monitor case. Approval sought for LDP/EBI funding to address issues
23.09.14	Ward 14 – New Brandon Park Area adjacent to Hattonrigg Rd	Wheelie bin fires and Youth disorder in area	Police have carried out additional patrols in area. Issues on agenda for CSSG and being monitored	Scottish Fire and Rescue Police Scotland Housing and Social Work Services	Public awareness of issues highlighted. Joint work ongoing to monitor case.
23.09.14	Ward 14 – Grassed area at underpass within Cardinal	Youth Disorder in area	Discussed at CSSG. Work ongoing with partners	Police Scotland Community Learning & Development	Public awareness of issues highlighted. Partners to consider more

	Newman HS			Housing and Social Work Services Regeneration and Environmental Services Learning and Leisure Services	wide ranging actions to address issues
23.0914	Ward 14 – Babylon Dr Area	Derelict building - youth disorder at site, also entering building	Discussions ongoing with users of neighbouring building and Police to carry out security survey	Regeneration and Environmental Services Community Learning & Development Police Scotland Scottish Fire and Rescue	Public awareness of issues to be highlighted and action taken to secure building. Discussions ongoing with Scottish Fire and Rescue Services
23.09.14	Ward 13 –Regency Car Park at Scotmid	Problems with Joy Riding and Noise disturbance from cars in area	Discussions ongoing with Police re issue.	Regeneration and Environmental Services Police Scotland	Public awareness of issues to be highlighted. Further police attendance in area

Anti-Social Complaints Received Jun-Aug 2014

Appendix 3

Ward	Managing Office	Domestic Noise	Criminal Activity	Harassment	Alcohol Related Issues	Estate Issues	Gangs/ Youths	Non Domestic Noise	Grand Total
13	VIEWPARK	46	10	8	1	8	3		76
14	BELLSHILL	66	19	13	3	4	4	1	110
15	BELLSHILL	92	12	12	1	8	2	1	128
17	BELLSHILL	16	4	3			1		24
Grand Total		220	45	36	5	20	10	2	338

Anti Social Complaints received Jun-Aug 2013

Ward	Managing Office	Domestic Noise	Criminal Activity	Harassment	Alcohol Related Issues	Estate Issues	Gangs/ Youths	Grand Total
13	VIEWPARK	59	11					70
14	BELLSHILL	93	4			2	2	101
15	BELLSHILL	63	8				4	75
17	BELLSHILL	14	1			1		16
Grand Total		229	24	0	0	3	6	262

Anti Social Complaints by Month with comparative period last year

Ward	Managing Office	June 14	July 2014	Aug 14	Grand Total	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Grand Total
13	VIEWPARK	29	31	16	76	19	15	36	70
14	BELLSHILL	41	30	39	110	31	44	26	101
15	BELLSHILL	33	52	43	128	16	32	27	75
17	BELLSHILL	6	9	9	24	9	1	6	16
Grand Total		109	122	107	338	75	92	95	262