

To: COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & REGENERATION		
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**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Coatbridge 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 over the last six months.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Joint Community Safety Report reflects the impact which the Local Area Team and Community Safety Sub-groups are making in 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 In Coatbridge, the opening of the Parkour facility has brought increased numbers of people to the area. After recent refurbishment and improvements to the facility the Parkour has increased in popularity and attracted a large number of new participants and spectators. This has led to an increase in calls to the police in relation to incidents of antisocial behaviour. Police Scotland are working closely with instructors in the area to deter those intent on causing trouble and create a positive experience for those using the facilities for the purposes for which they are intended. The Local policing plan will reflect this with increased patrols in the area.

4.2 In recent weeks, Police Scotland has ensured that all officers in the Coatbridge Airdrie subdivision have been trained in Child Exploitation and Online Protection training (CEOP's) to provide the most effective response to any incidents of this nature.

4.3 Police Scotland continue to work closely with our colleagues in Housing and Social Work Services carrying out several joint visits, which has led to warnings being issued to tenants. On one occasion whilst a joint visit was being carried out, a strong smell of cannabis was detected and cannabis cultivation was detected. This led to an individual being charged with drugs offences.

- 4.4 The Summer Safety and Festival Safety Campaigns have been carried out throughout the summer with NHS Lanarkshire. These campaigns aim to provide sound advice for those going to summer music festivals and going on holiday for the first time. In addition, personal safety advice was provided in Fresher's week to students in the first week of college education. Staff at New College Lanarkshire (Coatbridge Campus) have been heavily involved in the delivery and supported an online campaign.
- 4.5 Coffee with a Copper continues to be extremely popular within MacKinnon Mills, Tesco and ASDA, Coatbridge. This provides a less intimidating and more comfortable atmosphere for members of the public to attend and have an informal chat with a police officer.
- 4.6 The Antisocial Response Team was launched on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014. There were 394 complaints received for the Coatbridge Locality during June 2014 to August 2014. This is a significant decrease from the previous period last year and further information is available within appendix 3 with tables showing the complaint by type for both years as well as overall complaint totals.
- 4.7 Housing and Social Work Services and its partners continue to work jointly to achieve positive outcomes for our service users. By working closely with Police Scotland hotspot areas can be identified quickly which allows both services to deploy resources where required to tackle issues in our community. They also work closely and in partnership with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to identify vulnerable residents. Joint visits are carried out regularly between both partners and appropriate supports are put in place. In addition referrals are made to Scottish Fire and Rescue Services when vulnerable residents have been identified and a fire safety visit is carried out in order to promote prevention and intervention.
- 4.8 The ongoing work within the tower blocks in Ward 6 continues to have a positive impact on the number of incidents being reported relating to antisocial behaviour. The majority of incidents relate to noise disturbances within residents homes, these issues are now identified at the earliest possible stage and are reported to the Anti Social Behaviour Hub who will respond out of hours or where, within office hours, the locality anti-social response officers attend. The locality Antisocial Response Officers will then investigate the incident and take appropriate actions where required. Estate Walkabouts continue to take place and this allows local staff to identify local initiatives and plans are continuing to provide a base for the tenant and residents group with the Jackson complex where housing staff continue to support this.
- 4.9 The Estate Officer's continue to monitor fob usage at the door entry systems which allows them to identify any potential abandoned properties and also allows them to provide safeguards to elderly residents.
- 4.10 Complaints have been received regarding youths regularly congregating in the common closes in the Langloan area who were acting in a disorderly manner. Door to door enquiries were carried out to local residents and a request was made to the Antisocial Hub to provide assistance in terms of both pro-active patrols and when incidents were taking place as well as continuing liaison with Police Scotland to patrol the area. As a result of the work carried out however the situation will be monitored to ensure the issue has been resolved. Further estate management work is taking place to not only improve the appearance of the area by reducing litter etc. but will also enhance community feeling.
- 4.11 Hotspots identified in previous periods report continue to be monitored. In particular flatted accommodation in Shawhead remains a high priority for Housing and Social Work Services and ongoing work continues between Police Scotland, Housing Services and

Town Centre Activities. The main issues relate to youths congregating in and around the vicinity of the common closes and becoming involved in antisocial behaviour. Increased use of CCTV has assisted in both as a deterrent and assist in detection in this area as well as utilising the Council's out of hours anti-social service by undertaking pro-active patrols and where appropriate offender visits.

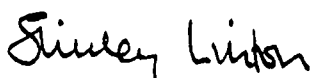
- 4.12 In addition to SFRS on-going Sheltered Housing Initiative, 8 Cook Safe sessions, in partnership, are in the process of being delivered to targeted sheltered housing complexes throughout North Lanarkshire. These events focus on safety relative to fire whilst cooking and preparation of cost effective nutritional meals.
- 4.13 North Lanarkshire's successful FireReach programme is once again fully booked for the year ahead with 23 High Schools participating throughout the year.
- 4.14 Road Safety engagement initiative 'Cut-it-Out' continues to be delivered to Secondary Schools throughout North Lanarkshire.
- 4.15 Tower strategy initiative was delivered by SFRS in partnership with NLC and Saltire Facilities at Witchwood Court, Townhead from 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August. This was well received and 36 HFSVs were jointly undertaken, resulting in 2 high risk referrals being made.
- 4.16 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.
- 4.17 A total of 7 hoax calls were received from a call box in the Coatbridge locality in June and July. Two local primary schools received talks on the final days of term. SFRS also put signs outside and inside the call box "CCTV cameras operation within this area". The phone box has been monitored since and only 1 call has been received in the last 2 months.
- 4.18 During the reporting period July to September 2014 a total of 774 HFSVs were conducted across North Lanarkshire. 144 such visits were conducted within the Coatbridge LAP area

## **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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**NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP**

COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA TEAM  
COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB GROUP



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

**Ward 6  
Coatbridge North & Glenboig  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

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## Monthly Performance Update Ward 6

### Incidents April – September 2014

There were **2966** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **3294 (-8%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **2960** incidents which represent a **1%** reduction.

#### Incident types include:

Incident Type	Apr - Sep 14	Oct 13 - Mar 14	%	Apr - Sep 13	%
Assault	41	51	-20	44	-7
Assist Member of the Public	491	549	-11	589	-17
Domestic	115	111	+4	102	+13
Drugs	66	59	+12	61	+8
Racial	4	9	-56	4	-
Road Traffic	292	340	-14	245	+19
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	40	60	-33	39	+3
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	203	260	-22	302	-33
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	11	5	-55	13	-15

Incident Type Fire	Apr 14 - Sept 14	Oct 13 - Mar 14	%	Apr 13 - Sept 13	%
All incidents Scottish Fire and Rescue	99	101	- 2	123	- 19
Primary Fires	22	12	+ 45	22	-
Secondary Fires	30	24	+ 20	47	- 46
Special Services Road Traffic Collision	2	3	- 33	0	+ 200
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	34	50	- 32	42	- 19
Other	11	12	- 16	12	- 16

#### \*\*\* ASB incidents highlighted in the table above

**277 (9%)** were youth related compared to **216 (7%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. A **28%** increase.

**656 (22%)** related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **734 (22%)** last period. An **11%** decrease since last period.

### Crime Reports April – September 2014

There were **1013** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **1057 (-4%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September there were **847** crimes which represent a **20%** increase.

There were **649 (64%)** crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **736 (70%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014.

### Monthly Performance Update Ward 9

#### Incidents April – September 2014

There were **2213** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **2399 (-8%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **2333** incidents which represent a **1%** reduction.

#### Incident types include:

Incident Type	Apr – Sep 14	Oct 13 – Mar 14	%	Apr – Sep 13	%
Assault	38	30	+27	47	-19
Assist Member of the Public	361	379	-5	400	-10
Domestic	85	88	-3	118	-28
Drugs	66	52	+27	71	-7
Racial	2	4	-50	7	-71
Road Traffic	167	200	-17	170	-2
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	23	38	-39	31	-26
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	132	177	-25	172	-23
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	6	3	-50	6	-
<b>Incident Type Fire</b>	<b>Apr 14 – Sept 14</b>	<b>Oct 13 – Mar 14</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Apr 13 – Sept 13</b>	<b>%</b>
All incidents Scottish Fire and Rescue	141	110	+ 22	124	+ 12
Primary Fires	9	9	-	10	- 10
Secondary Fires	57	32	+ 43	57	-
Special Services Road Traffic Collision	0	4	- 400	1	- 100
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	61	54	+ 11	48	+ 21
Other	14	11	+ 21	8	+ 42

**\*\*\* ASB incidents highlighted in the table above**

**326 (15%)** were youth related compared to **318 (13%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. A **3%** increase.

**524 (24%)** related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **554 (23%)** last period. A **5%** decrease since last period.

**Crime Reports April – September 2014**

There were **612** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **769 (-20%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September, there were **713** crimes which represent a **14%** reduction.

There were **398 (65%)** crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **500 (65%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014.

**Monthly Performance Update Ward 10**

**Incidents April –September 2014**

There were **1828** incidents reported between April & September 2014 compared to **2016 (-8%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September there were **1948** incidents which represent a **1%** reduction.

**Incident types include:**

Incident Type	Apr – Sep 14	Oct 13 – Mar 14	%	Apr – Sep 13	%
Assault	36	30	+20	28	+29
Assist Member of the Public	236	319	-26	309	-24
Domestic	73	77	-5	83	-12
Drugs	39	58	-33	33	+18
Racial	7	4	+75	5	+40
Road Traffic	152	201	-24	164	-7
Suspect Person (persons acting suspicious manner)	39	46	-15	40	-3
Theft (including Shoplifting & Housebreaking)	108	143	-24	145	-26
Weapon (includes organised shoots, farmland etc)	3	2	-33	5	-40

<b>Incident Type Fire</b>	<b>Apr 14 - Sept 14</b>	<b>Oct 13 - Mar 14</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Apr 13 - Sept 13</b>	<b>%</b>
All incidents Scottish Fire and Rescue	102	76	+ 25	110	- 7
Primary Fires	12	9	+ 25	14	- 14
Secondary Fires	34	18	+ 47	31	+ 9
Special Services Road Traffic Collision	3	2	+ 33	2	+ 33
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	37	32	+ 13	46	- 19
Other	16	15	+ 6	17	- 5

**\*\*\* ASB incidents highlighted in the table above**

**272 (15%)** were youth related compared to **220 (11%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. **24%** increase.

**490 (27%)** related to Complaints, Disorder, Noisy Parties, Neighbour Disputes, Street Drinking, & Vandalism compared to **442 (22%)** last period. An **11%** increase since last period.

#### ***Crime Reports April – September 2014***

There were **569** crimes committed between April & September 2014 compared to **622 (-9%)** between October 2013 & March 2014. For the same period in 2013, between April & September there were **597** crimes which represent a **5%** reduction.

There were **355 (62%)** crimes detected between April & September 2014 compared to **403 (65%)** detected between October 2013 & March 2014.



## Coatbridge Local Area Partnership

## Community Safety Sub - Group Action Plan Sharepoint Summary

DATE	LOCATION/WARD	ISSUE	ACTIONS	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
24/9/14	Coatbridge North & Glenboig. Ward 6	Youth Disorder in Bank Street Basin	Proactive Police Patrols undertaken. Outreach Youth Work staff operating over the summer period.	Police Scotland Community Learning & Development Regeneration ( R & E we are)Services	Reduction in ASB incidents being recorded in this locality. Two part time street work posts created to work in problem areas identified via the Community Safety Sub Group. Continue to monitor for any displacement.
24/9/14	Ward 10	Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal Activity.	Police patrols in area. Increase in stop/search. Joint Police and Housing visits undertaken. Youth work programme operating within the community.	Police Scotland Community Learning & Development Housing and Social Work Services	Reduction in reported incidents. Youth Provision continues to involve local youths.
24/9/14	Coatbridge West, Viewfield Road. Ward 9	Anti- Social Behaviour	Police Patrols Joint Police and Housing visits. LDP money secured for fencing to offset ASB	Police Scotland Housing & Social Work Services Regeneration as above Services	Reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour. Continue to monitor area.

24/9/14	Coatbridge North & Glenboig. Jackson Court North. Ward 6	Wilful fire raising	Fire Scotland inspected storage areas throughout building. Fire investigation being undertaken. Regular inspections to be undertaken of unlocked storage space.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Housing & Social Work Services Police Scotland Regeneration ?Services	Detailed investigation, including CCTV footage identified a person of interest. Operational briefing log updated and information shared with all fire stations. Jackson Court to be priority target for new Fire Safety Initiative.
24/9/14	Coatbridge North & Glenboig. Witchwood Court. Ward 6	Fire Safety Initiative	Successful co-ordinated initiative promoting fire safety within the multi storey block during 29 – 31 August.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Housing & Social Work Services Regeneration Services? Saltire and Mears.	85 Residents encouraged to uptake Home Fire Safety Visit. 32 Home Fire Safety Visits completed with a focus on the "Stay Put" policy. "Stay Put" policy advised and displayed within in building. Two Adult Protections referrals made. Two residents without electricity identified and now connected. Three sets of fire retardant bedding issued.
24/9/14	All High Schools and ASN schools in Coatbridge	Firework Safety Presentations	Presentations to address fire safety issues around Bonfire Night.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Police Scotland NLC Trading	All schools programme to receive input during the last two weeks of October.

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## Anti Social Complaints Received Jun-Aug 2014

Ward	Managing Office	Domestic Noise	Criminal Activity	Harassment	Alcohol Related Issues	Estate Issues	Gangs/ Youths	Non Domestic Noise	Grand Total
6	COATBRIDGE	128	16	18	2	8		1	173
9	COATBRIDGE	62	13	8	2	7	7	3	102
10	COATBRIDGE	65	19	21	1	8	5		119
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>255</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>394</b>

## Anti Social Complaints received Jun-Aug 2013

Ward	Managing Office	Domestic Noise	Criminal Activity	Harassment	Alcohol Related Issues	Estate Issues	Gangs/ Youths	Grand Total
6	COATBRIDGE	117	9		1	7		134
9	COATBRIDGE	50	11			3		64
10	COATBRIDGE	55	6			9	2	72
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>222</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>270</b>

**Anti Social Complaints by Month with comparative period last year**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Managing Office</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>July 2014</b>	<b>Aug 14</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Jun-13</b>	<b>Jul-13</b>	<b>Aug-13</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>6</b>	COATBRIDGE	56	73	44	<b>173</b>	42	42	50	<b>134</b>
<b>9</b>	COATBRIDGE	44	38	20	<b>102</b>	20	18	26	<b>64</b>
<b>10</b>	COATBRIDGE	58	37	24	<b>119</b>	31	19	22	<b>72</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>158</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>1451</b>