

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership

Community Safety Unit Quarterly Report

27th July – 30th September 2009

Opening of the Sevenoaks District CSU:

The CSU started to operate on 27th July 2009 when 6 West Kent Police staff moved into the SDC offices in Argyle Road.

The formal opening took place on 3rd September 2009. The event was attended by the Chairman and Deputy Leader of Sevenoaks District Council, Local Strategic Partnership and Community Safety Partnership colleagues, KCC Wardens, and Police Officers from across the District, together with all of the staff making up the CSU.

Visit by Chief Constable:

Michael Fuller, Chief Constable, paid a visit to the CSU on Wednesday 30th September and chatted with staff about the benefits of the initiative.



He heard about initiatives such as joint visits by the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and local PCSO to residents experiencing nuisance behaviour, a banning letter delivered by CSU staff and the prevention of a rave in West Kingsdown between Police and Environmental Health staff. This was the first time that new legislation to prevent raves had been used in the County. He also heard about the advantages of working in close proximity such as a faster response to local residents' concerns.

Proactive work undertaken by the CSU:

- Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs) held at King George Playing Field, Westerham to address underage drinking and litter and Stacklands, West Kingsdown to secure an unoccupied property where fires have occurred.
- Worked with Trading Standards regarding a company who were heightening fear of crime with residents by stating it was a high crime area so that they could install burglar alarms with a high maintenance cost. Trading Standards & Police seized paperwork, identified that it was across Kent and are taking evidence forward for a possible conviction.
- Potential "Rave" to be held at West Kingsdown, Environmental Health served a Noise Abatement Notice and West Kent Police issued a court order/injunction against the organisers, this went to court and was seen in favour of Police, therefore the event did not go ahead

- Informed various agencies of upcoming events such as a petition against HGV's travelling through Sevenoaks town centre, protest against possible puppy farm in Sundridge and Concerns of crime increase in a authorised caravan site.
- Three Community Safety Days were organised in Sevenoaks, Edenbridge & Swanley to promote the CSU and the partner agencies on services they offer through Sevenoaks District.



- Safer Plate Schemes across District organised by PCSO Supervisor. Some areas will include a multi-agency approach with North Kent Crime Prevention Panel.



- OP Velo – bicycle marking – PCSOs visiting schools to meet and greet school children and give advice on cycle safety.
- Safer Streets – High Visibility policing – hot spot areas identified through the daily taskings
- Internet Safety Talks – Safer Schools Partnership Officer attending secondary schools and PCSO attending primary schools.
- Planning of forthcoming events such as Bonfire Night, Halloween & Christmas
- Impartial security advice and security checks carried out for residents if they are worried about the security of their property.

<p>Number of tasks identified at daily briefings: 146</p> <p>Number of tasks completed: 145</p> <p>Feedback to the community: Feedback currently stands at 67% to residents and community. Some taskings do not have resident/community involvement.</p> <p>Partners attending daily briefings included: West Kent Police, SDC Community Safety team, KCC Wardens, West Kent housing association officers, SDC Environmental Health Officers, SDC Licensing Officers, SDC Contact Centre staff</p>	<p>Number of Neighbourhood Watches</p> <p>There are 445 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in the Sevenoaks District.</p> <p>Since July, there have been 15 new schemes launched across the district.</p> <p>Messages have been sent to NhW co-ordinators to update them on Police action targeting ASB.</p> <p>Information about SAS security has been sent out to all NhW co-ordinators & making them aware that the Crime Reduction Officer can give impartial advice and carry out security checks if they are worried about the security of their property.</p> <p>The CSU has been explained/promoted at all NhW start-up meetings</p>
<p>Number of reports of graffiti 24</p> <p>Number of graffiti spots cleaned 23</p>	<p>Publicity for the CSU: Postcards were designed, printed and circulated informing people about how to contact the CSU and how the CSU is able to help residents.</p> <p>3 press releases were issued. It is also on the front cover of In Shape magazine.</p>
<p>Partners using the CSU This quarter the CSU has been used by West Kent Police, Sevenoaks District Council, KCC Wardens and West Kent NHS.</p>	<p>PACT meetings were attended in Kemsing, Dunton Green, Brasted, Shoreham, Well Hill & Badgers Mount, Hextable, Swanley & Edenbridge</p>