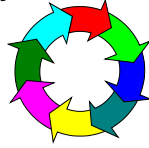


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STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT SUMMARY 2008

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Introduction

This Strategic Assessment has been produced by Rutland Community Safety Partnership to summarise analysis of crime levels and other community safety information relevant to Rutland. It sets out the Partnership's progress against current priorities and identifies priorities to be taken forward by the Partnership in their review of their Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Priorities Overview

Rutland Community Safety Partnership identified the following priorities in its Community Safety Partnership Plan 2008-11:

- Anti social behaviour
- Volume crime (inc. burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime)
- Road safety
- Reducing re-offending

Priority: Anti Social Behaviour Partnership Action 2008/09

- Respect Rutland campaign launched and numerous events/initiatives undertaken under the umbrella of this campaign.
- Crime Doc slot launched in Rutland Times in September 2008.
- Safer Rutland newsletter developed and launched.
- 19 referrals made to Youth Inclusion and Support Programme by September 2008.
- Tiered approach to tackling anti social behaviour now fully implemented with protocols being agreed at Strategic Board.
- 1 test purchasing campaign conducted with off licences and one with on licences.
- Implementation of Alcohol Designation Order for Oakham, this has been actively enforced 16 times since implementation. The Uppingham order has been enforced 13 times this financial year.
- A large number of young people have had alcohol confiscated and their parents have been written to.
- Pub Watch meetings have been held in Oakham and Uppingham and the schemes will grow in both towns over the next year.
- 3 Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaigns have been conducted this financial year with 2 more planned in this calendar year.
- 1 Environmental Clean up has been conducted.
- Website Updates – A new ‘What is happening in your Neighbourhood’ page updated every month with current topics and projects.

Additional Data

Criminal Damage:

- Offences of criminal damage have fallen from 400 in 2003/04 to 350 in 2007/08.
- For 2007/08, Rutland had the lowest criminal damage crime rate in its Most Similar Family Group.
- All the hotspot areas for criminal damage are in Oakham and Uppingham
- There have been 184 criminal damage crimes so far in 2008/09, if this trend continues that would lead to an increase.

Anti Social Behaviour Incidents:

- There were 900 anti social behaviour incidents reported to the police in 2007/08, again all the hotspots were in Oakham and Uppingham.

- There have been 506 incidents between April and September 2008, if this trend continued this would lead to an increase.
- 60% of the incidents reported are categorised as rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour and 17% are related to vehicles – either vehicle nuisance or abandoned vehicles. 54% of the incidents are in Oakham and 23% in Uppingham.

Other Information

The perception survey which was undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership in January 2008, showed a heightened perception of anti social behaviour across almost all indicators.

Leicestershire Constabulary have recently updated their Neighbourhood Beat profiles for Rutland.

- Oakham Beat retains the priority of anti social behaviour in the town centre because despite a slight reduction in incidents and the significant work that has been undertaken in the town (summarised above), anti social behaviour remains a concern to local residents.
- The North Beat had microbeats for anti social behaviour in St Johns Close, Ryhall and Exton, however as a result of the significant activity that has been undertaken there, these microbeats have now been closed. Nevertheless, a new issue of anti social behaviour on the playing fields in Ryhall has now been identified so it has been suggested that this become a microbeat.
- The South Beat had 2 microbeats connected with anti social behaviour, in Ketton and Edith Weston (play area). As a result of activity on the part of the Partnership in the area, both problems have now diminished and the microbeats have been closed. Further problems of anti social behaviour have been identified in Tinwell and this is being considered as a new microbeat.
- Uppingham beat has a current microbeat for anti social behaviour in and around licensed premises especially on High Street East and West. Despite significant activity in the area there remains concern about anti social behaviour in those areas and so the microbeat has been retained.

Continued Priority

Anti social behaviour will continue as a priority.

Priority: Road Safety Partnership Action 2008/09

1. Engineering:

- The accident database has been examined and all untreated accident cluster sites have been identified and included on the list of potential capital schemes
- Speed limits have been reviewed on all 'B' class roads ('A' roads reviewed in 2007/08) and changes have been approved and are currently progressing through the statutory process.
- A local safety scheme has been designed and approved for construction on the A6003 between Uppingham and Caldecott (to be completed this financial year).
- An off road cycleway has been constructed between Ryhall and Stamford.

2. Education:

- Training on Bikeability levels 1 and 2 has been delivered at all Primary schools in Rutland. During 2008, following our successful application to the Department for Transport Local Authority Cycle Training Grant Fund, we have appointed a third trainer allowing us to deliver more Level 2 training and embark on Bikeability 3 which started in June 2008 at Oakham School and Uppingham School.
- Pedestrian training is also delivered in Rutland schools through the WalkWise programme for Year 2 children. This consists of a course of 4 hour long lessons. Lessons 2 and 3 involve the children being taken out of school for a walk around the roads near the school with the help of parents who have volunteered to be involved with the training.
- Road Safety Quiz is run each year in every primary school in Rutland with all children in Years 5 and 6 (ages 9-11) taking part. The quiz is based on 'Arrive Alive – the Highway Code for young road users.
- An adult cyclist training scheme, based on the Bikeability Training, is presently being developed.
- We have used the Shiny Side Up publicity material on roads in Rutland that attract high motorcycle use, specifically the A606 and A6003.
- We have bid for funding for subsidised motorcycle refresher training courses 'RoadCraft' developed by The Shires Motorcycle Training (Leicester) Ltd.
- Promotion of Pass Plus scheme has led to over 150 young people taking part in the scheme. The extra training for new drivers aged 17 to 25 will raise further awareness about road safety amongst this group
- Road safety course for elderly drivers has been run with much success.

3. Enforcement:

- Rutland is a partner in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safety Partnership (LLRSP) and although Rutland has no sites that fulfil the criteria for fixed camera sites the county is part of the mobile speed camera programme. Monitoring has been carried out at 6 sites in Rutland, 3 on the A47 at Morcott, Barrowden and Bisbrooke junction, 2 on the A606 at Barnsdale and Tinwell and 1 on the A6121 at Ketton.
- In addition to the mobile camera sites, the police carry out regular speed checks in areas identified through their own consultation.
- Community Speed Watch campaigns involving rural communities have been used to raise awareness about vehicle speed at Empingham, Market Overton, Edith Weston, South Luffenham, Lyddington and Whitwell.

Other Information

Leicestershire Constabulary has recently updated its beat profiles for Rutland.

- Oakham beat had a microbeat on inconsiderate and irresponsible driving in Oakham town. As a result advice has been given about the manner of driving 3 times, Section 59 warning notices have been served 10 times, 3 vehicles have been seized and 3 people have received fixed penalty notices. As a result, calls have declined and the microbeat has therefore been closed.
- The North Beat had a priority to develop a long term speeding strategy in 13 hotspot locations across the beat. Despite a number of speed monitoring initiatives, there is still much work to be done. It has therefore been agreed to retain this priority but target fewer locations.
- The South beat had a similar priority and again despite significant work, it is felt that it should remain a priority.
- Uppingham beat had a priority to target speeding vehicles on Ayston Road, Leicester Road, London Road and Stockerston Road. Both covert and overt speed monitoring has taken place in these locations and the result from this monitoring alongside continued community concern means that this will remain a priority.

Continued Priority

Road Safety will continue to be a priority.

Priority: Volume Crime Partnership Action 2008/09

- The majority of 'non domestic' violent crimes occur in the town centres and so have been targeted by the Alcohol Misuse Enforcement campaigns which have been carried out (see Anti Social Behaviour priority for more information).
- Rutland Local Policing Unit has the highest level of victim updates provided on target with 98.4% of victims updated on their crime within the required timescale.
- A full time Domestic Violence Outreach worker continues to be employed and a new 3 year contract has been signed.
- A domestic violence marketing campaign has been agreed with 4 campaigns to be run throughout the year targeting various elements of domestic violence with each one.
- Hotspots for serious acquisitive crime have been identified and where relevant leaflet drops and extra patrols have been undertaken. The use of 'waymarkers' has increased police activity.
- Crime reduction surgeries have been held in North Luffenham, Ryhall and Whissendine.

Partnership Performance 2008/09

1. In 2007/08 there were 215 violent crimes, and so far this year (2008/09) there have been 159. Using these figures to project a year end total, the interim target would not be achieved this year.
2. In 2007/08 there were 228 domestic violence incidents and crimes reported, so far this year there have been 65 incidents and 38 crimes making a total of 103.
3. In 2007/08 there were 334 serious acquisitive crimes, so far this year there have been 166 crimes. Using these figures to project a year end total, the target would not be achieved.

Other Information

Violent Crime

- Over the last 4 years there has been a consistent downward trend in violent crime in Rutland.
- Most violent crime occurs in Oakham and Uppingham town centres and reporting peaks on a Friday and Saturday evening rising consistently from 4pm, this is in line with violent crime being linked with the night time economy.

- Looking at offenders for violent crime, 83.8% were male and 95.5% identified themselves as White European. The predominant age for offenders was between 15 and 24 years, making up 46.7% of the total. 31% identified themselves as unemployed and 25% identified themselves as a manual worker.
- 79.9% of victims of violent crime were male with the age range of 16 to 37 making up 33% of all victims. Weapons were used in only 2.5% of violent crime offences.

Neither the Neighbourhood Policing consultations nor the community safety 'face the people' sessions raised violent crime as a concern for local communities.

Domestic Violence

- Reported domestic violence has been rising over the last 5 years which is in line with a local campaign to increase reporting.
- Fewer incidents and crimes of domestic violence are reported from geographical locations classed as countryside or prospering suburbs but it is unclear whether this is indicative of the number of incidents occurring or under reporting in those areas.
- Seasonal trends show that December records a peak for domestic violence.
- 59.5% of domestic violence is reported on a Friday to Sunday with a peak occurring between 4pm and 6pm.
- 84% of offenders of domestic violence were male.
- The predominant age for victims is between 30 and 40 years of age.
- For the past three years, on average 28% of offenders were under the influence of alcohol when committing an offence of domestic violence. All categories within the injury analysis recorded a greater proportion when the offender was under the influence of alcohol.

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Serious Acquisitive Crime

- Serious acquisitive crime consists of burglary dwelling, theft of and from vehicle and robbery.
- Over the last 5 years, there has been a consistent downward trend in serious acquisitive crime in the County, however unfortunately levels are rising again this year.
- Of the 333 offences of serious acquisitive crime committed in 2007/08, 37% were theft from vehicle, 16% were theft of vehicle, 46% were burglary (of which 12% were distraction burglaries) and 1% were robbery.
- In contrast to anti social behaviour and violent crime, all the hotspots for burglary were in villages, with no clear patterns emerging.
- Oakham and Uppingham have seen some of the biggest burglary reductions over the last 5 years whilst all the areas with rising crime were again villages.
- It is estimated that around 33% of all burglaries are committed to insecure properties.
- All but 1 of the high crime areas being in villages.

South Beat previously had a priority to tackle burglary in the area, but after some successful interventions, this priority has now been closed.

Continued Priority

This will be retained as a priority.

Priority: Reducing Reoffending Partnership Action

Youth Offending Service

- All young people referred to the Youth Offending Service receive in depth assessment of their needs, risks of re-offending, harm to others and safeguarding issues. A plan of work is designed which focuses on those issues which will reduce the likelihood of re-offending, and risk of harm to others. Where there is a victim of the young person's behaviour the Youth Offending Service contacts them and invites them to participate in a process, which may include receiving a letter of apology or a planned meeting with the young person. This enables the young person to consider the impact of their behaviour.
- The Youth Offending Service also works with parents/carers, both on a voluntary basis and by order of the Courts to assist them to develop the skills to try to prevent their child from offending in the future.

Probation Trust

- Working with courts the Probation Trust provides updates and reports on known offenders at their first Court appearance; ensures reports for offenders on remand are returned within protocol; ensures proposals to the Court are responsive to the victim's loss and the offender's circumstances,
- Working on Community it has increased use of the Oakham probation office, encouraging offenders compliance.
- Working on custodial sentences the Probation Trust plans are responsive, to the victim's loss and the offender's circumstances.

Continued Priority

Reducing reoffending will be retained as a priority until such time as the data indicates otherwise.

Emerging Priorities

Emerging Issue: Business related crime

Other Information:

Historically the Partnership has focused only on those crimes which affect individuals and families. However, using additional crime analysis and the Neighbourhood Beat Profiles as well as consideration of issues discussed at the Joint Action Group and Face the People sessions it would seem that there is a growing issue (and concern) around business related crime.

Crimes which affect businesses mainly fall into 3 categories, business other than dwelling, other theft (which includes theft by employee, shoplifting etc) and fraud or forgery.

Burglary Other Than Dwelling

- For the last 5 years burglary other than dwelling has been decreasing year on year, however there have been 89 crimes so far this year (to September) and projecting year end results from this would mean an increase of 25 crimes or 16% on last year.
- These offences are spread out across the County, however around 25% occurred in Oakham and 16% in Uppingham.
- Of these crimes, 28 occurred in commercial premises and 18 in shops.
- The Face the People session in Uppingham raised business related crime as a concern citing recent high profile business crimes as the reason.
- In addition, all but one of the Neighbourhood Beat profiles show burglary other than dwelling as a significant contributor to crime. On South beat although declining, it still accounts for 15% of all crime. On North beat it accounts for 13% of crime which is an increase. The profile states that commercial premises and building sites are being targeted for tools and industrial equipment. In Uppingham, burglary other than dwelling accounts for 10% of crime which is an increase from 4 to 15 offences in the last 6 months. The crimes have taken place mainly at commercial and retail premises, with theft of metal from Station Road in Uppingham a particular concern.

Other Theft

- Shoplifting appears to be continuing its decline with 20 offences being recorded so far this year, projecting year end figures from this would lead to a further reduction in the crime.
- However, the 'Other Theft' category as a whole shows a different picture. 'Other Theft' showed a year on year decline between 2003/04 and 2006/07. However 2007/08 showed an increase of 53 crimes or 18% on the previous year and in 2008/09 so far there have been 167 crimes which when projecting year end figures would also lead to an increase on 2006/07 although a slight reduction (of 14 crimes) on 2007/08.
- Of these crimes the majority occur in either Oakham or Uppingham (53 and 31 crimes respectively).
- In a recent survey of businesses conducted in Uppingham by the Town Centres Manager, 27% of businesses said they had been a victim of shoplifting.
- Again in the Neighbourhood Beat profiles, all but 1 of the profiles indicate 'Other Theft' as a problem. On South beat it contributed 25% to the total crime figure. Whilst hotspots and trends are difficult to spot, metal; plant; diesel and oil seem to be particularly vulnerable. On the North beat, 'Other Theft' accounted for 20% of overall crime, again no patterns are immediately visible although walk in thefts at business premises and thefts of metal and diesel seem particularly problematic. In Uppingham, theft from shops alone accounted for 11% of crime which is an increase. There are 4 particularly vulnerable shops identified within the profile.

Recommended Priority Status

Business crime will be allocated priority status although no targets will be set until further analysis of the crime has taken place.

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