

The East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

A Partnership between East & Mid Devon District Councils, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Devon County Council, NHS Devon, Devon & Cornwall Probation Service, Devon & Cornwall Police Authority and Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.



EAST & MID DEVON COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP MEETING On Wednesday 27 January 2010 At EDDC, Knowle, Sidmouth

Present:

Supt Phil Kennedy	Devon & Cornwall Police (Chair)
Julia Ryder	Mid Devon Community Safety Officer
Gerry Moore	East Devon Community Safety Officer
Gareth Twigg	Creedy LAG Chair
Andy Stuthridge	Culm LAG Chair
Jackie Thomas	Victim Support
Bob Darbourne	EDDC
Lucy O'Loughlin	NHS Devon
Paul Williams	Environmental Health Services Manager, MDDC
Chris Gibbings	EDDC
Roy Tomlinson	DCC
Jane Campbell	MDDC
Margaret Squires	MDDC
Nigel Deasy	DSFRS
Chris Bridgeman	DSFRS
Laura Maksymczuk	Mid Devon CSP Administrator (minutes)

1.	<p>Introduction and Apologies Phil welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Simon Perkins, Mark Keeley, Mike Bull, Andy Revesz, Mark Williams and Bob Buxton.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 27 November 2009</p> <p>The minutes of the East & Mid Devon CSP Steering Group meeting on 27 November 2009 were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising Page 1, Item 2 Community Speedwatch – see agenda item 3. Page 3, Item 7 CSO Reports – the December CSO reports are now on Mid and East Devon websites and future reports will be published alongside the minutes. Page 3, Item 8 Letter to DYS – this has been sent.</p>
3.	<p>Community Speedwatch Phil distributed copies of a powerpoint presentation that has been put together by Inspector Norman Amey on the different elements of Speedwatch which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring and enforcement by neighbourhood policing teams • Community Speedwatch • School Speedwatch <p>This was initiated in Bude in 2007 and is now being rolled out across the D&C Police</p>

	<p>area. Community Speedwatch is a way of proactively involving the community in doing something about the issue of speed, which comes out as the number one issue from PACT surveys. Community Speedwatch can operate on roads with a speed limit of 40mph or less. Vehicle registrations are recorded on a central database and letters automatically generated.</p> <p>The profile of speeding drivers was discussed as often these are presumed to be young drivers, whereas actual evidence shows that those who are generally stopped by police are middle aged or older locals. It was agreed that it would be good to do more publicity around this to provide feedback to residents.</p> <p>Nigel reported that DSFRS operate Stop and Watch in conjunction with the police. This is available across East & Mid Devon where problems are identified by LAGs. This has proved very effective where it has already been used.</p> <p>The police are also using School Speedwatch for those parking and speeding outside schools. This involves school children who are under strict supervision patrolling outside their school and speaking to offending drivers.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Communicating for Confidence</p> <p>Phil stated that some good work has already been done around this, which needs to be increased. He will be attending the Mid Devon Connect meeting tomorrow and will provide some options regarding communicating as a Partnership for the next meeting. Julia reported that she had taken part in a Home Office phone survey as Mid Devon has been identified as one of ten areas nationally with a higher than average level of low confidence. As a result of this a focus group consisting of 15 local residents will be held in Tiverton in January and February. A report outlining the results of this should be available in April, but there may be some slippage on this dependant on the General Election. A discussion took place around the need to add a qualifier for rural areas to questions like that in the Place Survey relating to safety, as many residents may not feel safe simply because of their rural locality rather than due to any real fear or crime or ASB.</p> <p>Action: Julia and Phil to discuss Home Office poll results when published.</p> <p>Action: Julia, Gerry and Phil to produce a press release re: good crime figures and the Annual Conference.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Performance</p> <p>Crime figures were distributed and discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a fairly significant increase in acquisitive crime over the last quarter. This is due to a couple of individuals in Exmouth and Tiverton, one of whom is now in prison. Prolific offenders are targeted by the police and they are currently aware of some individuals who will be released from prison shortly. Gerry mentioned that he had attended a recent multi agency meeting regarding prolific offenders and that out of 18 for East & Mid Devon, 13 are currently in prison. • Violent crime figures have increased, with more instances of DV particularly over Christmas. This has increased since last year, but the police are unsure as to why. It is good that more cases of DV are being reported but disappointing that there are more crimes. • Total violent crime is down 6 – 7 %. <p>Phil stated that the Police have a Neighbourhood Harm Register which flags up repeat incidents at individual addresses. In other areas such as North Devon and Exeter a multi agency version of this exists so that agencies can share information with each other and flag up vulnerable individuals. Phil would like to have a similar scheme in East & Mid Devon. Nigel reported that DSFRS are already looking to do this and will be rolling it out across Devon and Somerset.</p>

6. CSO Reports

Both areas have identified an increasing trend in the use of legal highs by young people, particularly methedrone, which is a plant fertiliser. This is illegal to sell for human consumption but is widely available. The Government is currently looking at this issue and the classification of some currently legal highs and is due to complete a review by April. In Mid Devon QE School and Devon Youth Service will investigate this further with the thought of an information campaign regarding damage to body system with regular use.

Julia and Gerry highlighted the following items from their CSO reports:

Julia – Mid Devon

- Age Concern – Action Against Burglary event held on 20th Jan, in Tiverton, Crediton & Cullompton. Promoting risk of bogus callers and home security with general safety. Sponsored by Home Office – information packs, UV pens and purse lanyards distributed and multi-agency advice given.
- Review of Section 30 Dispersal Orders for Cullompton Town Centre and Uffculme. Both working well and having a positive effect. Quiet in Cullompton and powers not used recently. Uffculme have used powers since put in place and have arrested several young people for failing to comply with order to stay at home. This included one of the most prolific offenders. During October – December 2009 the police received 58 calls to Uffculme regarding ASB but since the introduction of the Section 30 this has fallen to 8 calls during January.
- The Uffculme working group are engaging with a group of 9 young people, who have previously been engaged with ASB, to build a BMX track in the village. This is being supported by the Youth Development Worker for that area. Julia is currently trying to find additional funding to extend the work of the 2 Youth Development Workers, who are on a contract until March 2010.

Gerry – East Devon

- Ken Grose from the Youth Offending Team reported that they are now able to provide a course for young people who are referred to them and who have been identified as victims of domestic violence and abuse. Apart from providing the necessary support this will also assist in 'breaking the chain' regarding such behaviour.
- Good work involving the Police and Devon Youth Service outreach continues in Littleham where reports of anti social behaviour have reduced. The Section 30 Dispersal Order is still having an impact. An application for a Full ASBO in respect of one young person was successful just before Christmas. Police are considering making a similar application for one of his associates.
- Polly Mercer the EDDC Youth Development worker has had permission to use Clayton House in Littleham for activities for young people aged 16 and above. Some of this will involve links other agencies, including Connexions, re finding work and courses etc. I will be providing funding for Polly to purchase 4 laptop computers for this project.
- A school nurse representative at the Sidmouth and OSM LAG reported that there is concern about the mental health of some young people due to their use of cannabis. At yesterday's LAG meeting the deputy head at Kings School, Ottery also highlighted an increase in general drug use.
- A PACT meeting is being held between 4pm and 7pm on 28th January 2010, at the Axminster Guildhall. The meeting has been well publicised and it is hoped that most agencies will be available to attend. The meeting is not Police led but instead they have invited all the relevant agencies to come along and aid open discussion to make the sessions more informal and useful for residents. Councillor John Jefferies had agreed to chair the meeting. I will also attend and have a

	<p>stand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeant Trudgeon reported that crimes over the last 5 years in Axminster had decreased by 200 reported crimes. This has been well publicised locally. • Funding has been obtained from the Anti Social Behaviour fund of the Safer Devon Partnership to put on a play called Last Orders in 4 schools in East Devon in the summer. The play performed by the Solomon Theatre Group is both hard hitting and impactful and costs £1000 per production. Arrangements in hand to see if Solomon will also agree to an additional performance during the evening for young people who attend Devon Youth Service activities. <p>Gerry asked the group to approve the purchase of 4 GPS linked DV alarms for victims. This will cost £1400 for 2 years and would be funded by SDP as a result of an underspend on Margaret's post. This was agreed.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Safer Devon Partnership Update</p> <p>Roy reported that a new SDP lead has been appointed and is due to start in mid March. A group has been set up to look at the way that capital funding is dealt with and distributed across the districts, which will report back to the next SDP meeting. The budgets for the next financial year are at a similar level to this year but have received a 15% cut so the CDRP will be slightly less than the 2009/10 allocation. Capital provided by the Home Office has been cut significantly.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Annual Conference/ Community Safety Booklet</p> <p>Gerry outlined proposals for the Annual Conference. This will start at 10.00am on 21 April with coffee and display stands by the Partnership and partner agencies. The conference will start at 10.30am and will include presentations and awards. This will finish at 1.00pm with a buffet lunch. It was confirmed that an AGM for the Steering Group only will be held following on from this.</p> <p>Progress has been made on the Community Safety booklet and Gerry and Julia have drafted the text for the editorial, which will be around the Partnership priorities. An alcohol advert 'Kids follow in our footsteps' has been produced by the Partnership and this will be included within the booklet.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Campbell attended an Empowering Children of Offenders (ECHO) event run by Barnardos. Referrals are welcome from Children's Centres, Schools, Health Visitors, Housing Support, Police, Probation, Youth Offending Teams, Youth Clubs and from families themselves. Contact details are as follows: Project Manager Claire English - claire.english@barnardos.org.uk Project Development Worker - Michael Wickens- michael.wickens@barnardos.org.uk
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date & Place of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 3 March at 2.30pm at The Small Hall, New Hall, Barrington Street, Tiverton. (Access down the side alley running between Barrington Street & Bampton Street.)</p>

To add items to the next agenda, please contact Laura Maksymczuk, CSP Administrator, tel. 01884 234997 or email lmaksymczuk@middevon.gov.uk