

### **Seven Beats Pro-active work for the last three month period**

As of 01<sup>st</sup> May 2015 the 7 beats team consists of: 1x Sergeant, 6x Constables, 8x PCSO's, 1x Special Sergeant and 5x Special Constable's.

Section 35 Anti-social behaviour order: 7 beats officers have utilised these powers to create two dispersal zones in the last 3 months and one is planned to be in place by the end of this month. These have resulted in:

- 12x dispersal tickets being handed to individuals
- 1x arrest for an individual who breached this order
- General intelligence and evidence gathering in relation to anti-social behaviour in the area.

We run multi agency operations regularly which are planned to target specific problems to the localised area, examples being:

- High visibility patrolling in ASB identified at risk areas
- Use of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) in relation to offenders travelling into the area.
- Speedwatch: Working in partnership with VOSA and the council. A recent operation targeted taxis and out of 25 vehicles stopped, 6 were recovered by the council.
- Letter drops/Door knocks: Operation 'doorhandle' in relation to burglaries/auto crime etc.
- Targeting of prolific offenders: Visits and criminality notices.
- Tenancy enforcement with local registered landlords. We are currently working on a closure order on a problematic property in the 7 beats area.
- HMCS court fines: Enforcement with partner agencies to persue offenders who fail to comply with court disposals.

We have had in place 3 anti-social behaviour risk assessments in the 7 beats area during the last 3 months. 1 has already been closed and the other 2 are due to be closed as they have now both been classified as low risk and have had no further ASB issues over the last few weeks.

Video badges: These are being used for people we would classify as victims of ASB. They can be worn by the individual around the neck on a lanyard and they simply need turning on to capture footage of any ASB or offences being committed. Even if it is not of any evidential value, those who have had one feel reassured by it.

Bail conditions: We are currently implementing bail conditions for those offenders who are arrested in Birkenhead town centre for theft shop. This will effectively ban them from a large part of the town centre. These are enforced and offenders are targeted who breach these conditions.

Cop Shop: Plans for a new cop shop in Birkenhead Precinct are on-going. The premises has been identified and will be open shortly.

The shoplink radio: This is a tool used between the security staff at the Pyramids shopping centre and officers. This has proved effective in relation to offenders detained for theft etc. Regular surgeries are conducted in the shopping centre run by the PCSO's working in conjunction with security staff there. These are advertised to the local public to attend and they offer such things as IMEI checks on phone to add them to a database should they be lost/stolen and marking's on push bikes should they be stolen so they can be identified.

In relation to neighbourhood priorities:

- We are currently working on two closure orders of properties in the area that have caused numerous issues ie: ABS, calls from members of the public relating to the address etc. This is in conjunction with the tenancy enforcement team in the council.
- We have our shop safe priority, as previously mentioned with us of the shop link radio. High visibility patrol in Birkenhead Town Centre.
- ABS priority in relation to Grange Road Birkenhead to tackle ASB in the area.
- Operation Bude is in place in relation to street drinkers in Hamilton Square.

We have a dedicated police officer who is a point of contact for the hostels in the area. This is to encourage both staff and residents to engage with the police more. There is a meeting being held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the YMCA in relation to hate crime. This is for staff and residents to attend with uniformed and CID officers in order to educate them on hate crime.

We receive a monthly update from our intelligence department In relation to the 10 most prolific offenders. These are those who have committed the most offences for that month. These are then discussed in daily briefings so that officers in the 7 beats area are aware of them and they are targeted as such.

In the last 3 months we have conducted 3 search warrants in relation to the misuse of drugs act. One of these was identified by a 7 beats PCSO. The other two were in a response to both community and police intelligence.

Birkenhead Borough has been designated as a DPPO (designated public place order) replacing previous drinking by-laws in order to deal with problems of anti-social drinking in a public place. This gives officers powers to remove opened or unopened alcohol from persistent offenders of 'street drinking' culture. Signage has only recently been erected to allow officers to enforce the DPPO and this is now actively being enforced in the area.

School Visits - We have good links in with the local schools especially looking at those youths who are in the final year of Junior schools as we know that this age group is particularly vulnerable to being drawn into organised crime group activity (OCG'S) In response, we conduct a number of presentations such as personal safety, Crime Prevention and Drugs awareness.

Good news story:

SHAW STREET, in the 7 beats area had a significant issue with ASB and youths causing damage to vehicles in the road.

Through partnership working with the council, a fence has been put up at the end of Shaw Street, which has stopped the youths using it as a cut through. A camera has also been put up which has been funded for 3 months initially, the idea of this to capture ASB and any offences being committed. The amount of ASB has reduced significantly in the area and the calls from members of the public has dramatically reduced.

Hopefully this provides an idea of the work that is done in the 7 beats area and please let me know if you require any further.

