TACKLING CRIME AND DISORDER IN ST.HELENS – WARD UPDATE

ECCLESTON

Significant reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour continue to be experienced across the Borough, which reflects the work being done by the Partners on the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. There are exceptions of course and there have been increases in Eccleston, with regards to some individual crime types, e.g. Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Street Drinking and Burglary. We will continue to target these issues in Eccleston and work with our partner agencies.

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**Anti-Social Behaviour calls to the Police**
- Rowdy Behaviour | 223 | 166 | -25.6 |
- Nuisance Vehicles | 31 | 17 | -45.2 |
- Street Drinking | 3 | 5 | 66.7 |

**Merseyside Police** - Your Neighbourhood Inspector is Debra Rayment and your Neighbourhood Sergeant is Gary Bradley.

**News From Court**

St. Helens Council, Merseyside Police and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partners are now publicising the sentencing outcomes from St. Helens Magistrates Court online, as part of the Safer St. Helens campaign.

The court results, which will be available to view on the Safer St. Helens website, are being shared with members of the public in order to reassure residents and increase confidence in the Criminal Justice System.

Visit [www.safersthelens.org.uk](http://www.safersthelens.org.uk) for more information.
Chris Foy, the St. Helens referee who took charge of this season’s FA Cup final (15 May) between Portsmouth and Chelsea at Wembley, has shown the red card to anti-social behaviour.

Chris took time out from his big match preparations in May to support the St.Helens Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – and its recently launched Anti-Social Behaviour Pledge.

“Whether it’s a sporting event or just everyday life, people have the right to enjoy themselves and go about their business without the fear of abuse, threats or violence,” said Chris, who’s also a serving policeman.

“I thoroughly endorse the efforts of the Partnership team to rid the streets of those people who only seem capable of negative behaviour - and making life miserable for the rest of us.”

The Safer St Helens campaign, run by the St Helens Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, has helped cut the number of anti-social behaviour incidents in the borough by 14.5 per cent - with 1,362 fewer incidents in 2009-10 compared to 2008-09.

The partnership brings together some of the key agencies that help to keep the borough safe for residents and visitors alike – including St Helens Council, Merseyside Police, Helena Partnerships and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service.
St. Helens Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

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Springwatch keeps youngsters off the streets

Anti-social behaviour in St Helens is down to its lowest level in April since 2006 – thanks to a series of pioneering programmes for young people across the borough.

Operation Springwatch – a joint venture between St Helens Council, Merseyside Police and other agencies – diverted dozens of youngsters away from the streets.

Instead they were encouraged to take to their skateboards at special Ramp Rider sessions, scale climbing walls, express themselves through environmental arts or join cage football sessions.

It resulted in 118 fewer anti-social incidents on April – compared with the same period last year.

Chief Inspector Mike Constantine says, “In 2009 there were 1,337 fewer
incidents of anti-social behaviour in St Helens compared with the previous year. But we aren’t complacent. We’re committed to tackling anti-social behaviour in St. Helens - and will continue to work together in partnership to keep our community safe.”

Rod Jones, Anti-Social Behaviour Manager for Safer Communities, St. Helens Council added: “We wanted to combat the light - night rise in anti-social behaviour by paying extra attention to vulnerable areas, and by providing young people with some fun diversionary activities to get involved with.

“We’ve seen our lowest number of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents in April for the first time since 2006. This is really encouraging, and we will continue to tackle this high priority issue.”

As the nights get lighter, more activities are planned for young people. A 20 week Ramp Rider programme gets underway on 2 June at the car park off Upland Road, Portico every Thursday between 4pm and 7.30pm. For more details contact Tanya Roberts on 07766791893 or 07144 675687.

Merseyside Police Authority Community Awards 2010

Merseyside Police Authority plans to award successful community groups and organisations whose work has had an impact on community safety and crime reduction.

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Member agencies and Community Groups in Merseyside are being invited to nominate organisations who have made a difference in their community through a Community Project. Awards of up to £3,000 will be presented to one successful community project from each of the 5 Merseyside Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships. The winning community project will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting of Merseyside Police Authority to be held on 24th June 2010 in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Speke, and Liverpool.

The award will recognise the achievement of projects making a positive impact in the field of community safety and crime reduction in Merseyside. Community safety covers a wide range of topics including crime prevention, reduction, awareness raising, increasing reporting and home, road, and personal safety. The award money will be used to further develop the winning project in the field of community safety.

For more information and to obtain an application form to nominate a Project, please contact The Merseyside Police Authority on 0151 285 5508, or email communications@merseysidepoliceauthority.gov.uk
Taking a Stand against Anti-Social Behaviour

Victims and Witnesses of anti-social behaviour in St. Helens will be given additional support to help secure convictions, thanks to the introduction of a new Anti-Social Behaviour Victim Champion.

As part of the St Helens Council’s ‘Safer Communities Team’, the Anti-Social Behaviour Victim Champion will offer practical advice and guidance to those who are taking a stand against anti-social behaviour in their community.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Champion will treat all cases of anti-social behaviour referred to them in confidence and all incident reported to Merseyside Police and St.Helens Council’s Anti-Social Behaviour Unit will be treated seriously whether made anonymously, in person, in writing or over the telephone.

If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour, you can speak to our dedicated Anti-Social Behaviour Unit on 01744 673114.

Ward Initiatives

Arrests, charges and convictions

Police Officers seized 11 bags of cannabis from a man on a pedal cycle. He was arrested for possession with intent to supply.

Ramp Riders

Helena Housing with funding from St. Helens Council’s Safer Communities Team held Ramp Rider sessions in Gillars Green and Eccleston Fire Station. The events proved successful with over 30 young people eager to show off their board, skate and bike skills.

Appeal for Information!

Local Residents have raised concerns about two off road motorbikes causing a nuisance on the field near to Bobbies Lane. Although Police Officers gave chase on pedal cycles, they were unable to catch the culprits. If you have any information please contact Merseyside Police on 0151 777 6010 or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
Paying Back and Cleaning Up!

Community Payback is a punishment for offenders, which involves physical work on projects that benefit our Community. Howards Lane in Eccleston was just one of the locations nominated by members of the public for a ‘grot-spot’ clean up in January 2010. For more information about Community Payback or to suggest work to be carried out as part of a future project, please call 0151 920 9201, or visit www.direct.gov.uk/communitypayback

Local Community Crime Sentence

Everyone knows someone affected by crime - do you want to find out more? Who protects the public from crime and what does a community sentence mean? Hear the facts and put your questions to a local Magistrate and a Probation Officer. Let them give your community group a Local Crime Community Sentence presentation. It's free, takes about 45 minutes and gives you a chance to have your say.

Telephone 0151 324 1900 and leave a message to book your presentation.

Crime Prevention

Please be aware of bogus callers and always remember to:
• Lock the back door and put your door chain on before opening the front door
• Ask for proof of identity and check it carefully.
• Ask them to come back another day if you are unsure.
• Arrange appointments and try to have someone with you

For more information please visit www.merseyside.police.uk/crimeprevention or call 0151 777 6010 and ask for your local Crime Reduction Officer.

Priority Setting

You said

In the last Policing Priority meeting it was agreed by those present that Eccleston Park should be treated as priority due to issues with speeding, parking and burglary.
We did

Merseyside Police, St. Helens Council and Crime and Disorder Reduction Partners have continued to work together to solve the problem. Merseyside Police have continued to monitor the speeding issues in Eccleston Park and have carried out ‘Speedwatches’ on the roads that have been risk assessed, such as Portico Lane and St Helens Road. However, they have not come across any major issues. Eccleston PCSOs have continued to regularly check the narrow roads in Eccleston Park for any parking problems.

This month has again seen a significant reduction in the number of burglaries, with there only being one isolated incident. Merseyside Police have continued to maintain high visibility patrols of the area on foot, on pedal cycles and in police vehicles and have also conducted a number of plain-clothes operations.

Extra attention has been paid to the shops on Walmsley Road following complaints that alcohol was being consumed on the street. Eccleston PCSOs asked 2 men, who were drinking in the area, to throw their alcohol away and advised them about drinking in the street. Officers along with Council Traffic Wardens have been attending St Julie's Primary School at opening and closing times following complaints about parking from both residents and staff. This resulted in a number of parents being advised about their parking and one driver being issued with a £70 Fixed Penalty Notice for parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school entrance. It will be discussed with the school to see if any parking restrictions can be put in place to alleviate the situation.

Useful Contacts
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How to report anti-social behaviour

We will always treat all reported incidents of anti-social behaviour seriously, whether made anonymously, in person, in writing or over the telephone, and provide you with the support you need to ensure you feel safe, reassured and protected.

Contacts

Merseyside Police - 0151 709 6010
St. Helens Council Contact Centre - 01744 456789/676789
Safer Communities Anti-Social Behaviour Unit - 01744 673114
Crimestoppers (to report anti-social behaviour anonymously) - 0800 555 111
Registered Social Landlords
Helena Partnerships - 01744 637383
Riverside Housing Association - 0845 111 0000
Arena Housing Association - 01744 6700 221
Regenda First Housing Association - 0344 736 0066

Always dial 999 in an emergency.
For more information, visit www.safersthelens.org.uk

Your Views. Your Concerns. Our Community.
0151 709 6010 – NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER (general enquiries, speak to Neighbourhood Officers)

999 – EMERGENCY

0800 555 111 – CRIMESTOPPERS (providing information about crime in your area anonymously)

Further information can be found at – www.merseyside.police.uk

St Helens Council

Tel: 01744 456789 or by Email: contactcentre@sthelens.gov.uk