

TACKLING CRIME AND DISORDER IN ST.HELENS – WARD UPDATE RAINFORD

The latest crime figures for a selection of crimes are shown in the table below. The period covered is April to September and a comparison is shown with the same period last year. St.Helens has again seen reductions in All Crime and British Crime Survey Comparison Crimes and this is reflected in most of the crime figures being presented for each Ward. There are exceptions of course and the Police and Partners in the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership are working to tackle crime across all Wards.

	April to Sept 2008/09	April to Sept 2009/10	+/- %
<u>Borough Wide Profile</u>			
British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes	3795	3125	- 17.6
Total Recorded Crime	6842	5987	- 12.5
<u>Ward Profile</u>			
British Crime Survey Comparator Crimes	68	80	17.6
Total Recorded Crime	126	166	31.7
Theft of a Vehicle	12	5	- 58.3
Theft from a Vehicle	9	22	144.4
Domestic Burglary	5	17	240.0
Theft from a Person	0	0	
Criminal Damage and Arson	27	18	- 33.3
Drug Offences	19	34	78.9
Anti-Social Behaviour calls to the Police			
• Rowdy Behaviour	69	60	- 13.0
• Nuisance Vehicles	3	9	200.0
• Street Drinking	3	0	- 100.0

Merseyside Police - Your Neighbourhood Inspector is Ian Cooper and your Neighbourhood Sergeant is Bob Clewes.

CDRP Annual Report and Residents Survey

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's Annual Report and Residents Survey will be distributed to households in the Borough during the coming month. The report outlines the Partnership's success during 2008/09 and its plans for 2009/10 as identified in its Delivery Plan. The survey helps the Partnership monitor residents' views on progress in tackling crime and disorder, how safe residents feel where they live and their perception of anti-social behaviour. Please help the Partnership by completing the survey and returning it, Freepost, to the Safer Communities Team at the Council.



MERSEYSIDE
POLICE

**total
policing**

war on crime
care for victims

www.merseyside.police.uk



St.Helens Council

www.sthelens.gov.uk

Borough Wide Initiatives

Temporary Chief Constable Takes up the Baton

On the 5th October, Bernard Lawson took up the Baton as Chief Police Officer for Merseyside Police following the departure of Mr Hogan- Howe. The Deputy Chief Constable will take up the rank and role of temporary Chief Constable until a permanent posting is made next year.



On taking up the rank Mr Lawson said,

"It is an honour to take up the rank of Temporary Chief Constable and to have the opportunity to lead one of the most successful Forces in the country. During the last 25 years of my policing career I have come to know and understand the issues that really matter to our communities and I am determined to continue to tackle the issues that matter most.

I believe that it is very important that the public feel they can have confidence in their police force and I will be continuing to ensure that this Force listens to and acts on the priorities set with our local communities.

We have seen huge reductions in crime over the last 3 years with 57,000 less people becoming a victim of crime. Working alongside our partner agencies, including local authorities, the Fire and Rescue Service, criminal justice agencies and others, I am committed to continuing to drive down crime and anti-social behaviour in Merseyside to make the region a safer place to live, work and visit.

I am very proud to work for Merseyside Police and I look forward to the challenges that leading the organisation over the next few months will bring."

Not in My Neighbourhood Week 2009

Not in My Neighbourhood Week (NIMNW) took place from the 2nd – 6th November 2009. The key objective of the campaign was to inform local people of what action was taking place in their area to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. As well as increasing public confidence in the work of The Safer St Helens Partnership, the campaign provided the ideal opportunity to engage with the public in the local area and find out about what anti-social behaviour problems matter to them most!



Members of the Safer St Helens Partnership were on hand to offer advice, and give out promotional items to members of the public at selected locations throughout the borough.

Local crime figures and neighbourhood police details at the touch of a button

A new interactive national map giving the public access to local statistics and details on neighbourhood policing in their area was launched on the 20th October 2009 by Home Office Minister David Hanson and National Policing Improvement Agency Deputy Chief Executive Steve Mortimore.

The online map will allow residents to view figures for all crime as well as burglary, robbery, violence, vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour in their area at the touch of a button. For the first time people can compare one police neighbourhood area with another, compare figures over a three-month period against the same period for the previous year and see annual crime rates.

The public will also be able to see details of their neighbourhood police team, local policing priorities and information about forthcoming local events such as crime prevention meetings and local surgeries.

Inside Justice Week



Local Magistrates courts across Merseyside opened their doors to give the public a unique look inside the Criminal Justice System during Inside Justice Week, 17th October 2009.

The campaign, which aims to engage communities and increase understanding of the criminal justice system, gave people the opportunity to watch a mock trial, attend question and answer sessions, and tour the court buildings at both St Helens and Knowsley magistrate's courts.

The Local media and press were also invited to attend the events, along with members of local resident associations. Visitors, viewing the day from the perspective of the Victim, enjoyed the opportunity to see a court case in action and gained understanding and reassurance about being a witness at court.

Ward Initiatives

Arrests, charges and convictions

On 3 August, Damien Towers, 27 years, of 9 Millwood Avenue, St Helens appeared before St Helens Magistrates Court for the possession of a lock knife in Higher Lane, Rainford. He pleaded guilty and received a £65 fine and £15 costs.

We have uncovered one of the area's largest cannabis farms within an industrial unit on Rainford Industrial Estate, St Helens. Officers raided the premises on Sandwash Close at around 7.30pm on Monday 14th September acting on information received from the community. Over 1500 cannabis plants were discovered, with an estimated street value of over £600k. We would encourage members of the public who have information about those who commit drug related activity to contact Merseyside Police on 0151 777 1565 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Vehicle Crime Prevention

There have been continued reports of Vehicle Crime in the Ward.

Did you know?

Some of the most common items reported stolen from vehicles include;

- Audio Equipment
- Tools
- Mobile Phones / Computer Equipment
- Handbags / Purses / Brief Cases /Luggage
- Cash (Including small change)
- Driving licenses and other documents
- Chequebooks and cards
- Clothing

Please remove all
valuables from your
vehicle.
**If they see it, they can
steal it!**

Priority Setting

You said

At the last Community Priority Meeting held on Wednesday 8 September 2009 it was decided by those present to set the Church Road and the area around Cross Pit Lane as the new priority location to address issues of antisocial behaviour, litter, noise and parking.

We did

Since the meeting teams have been focusing their attention upon the Church Road location. They have conducted stops on people, but have not seized any alcohol. At other locations the Police have seized alcohol. The Police have arrested three persons for violence offences, one for public order offence and a further five for drug offences. A further eight persons have been warned for possession of cannabis.

We recently carried out underage test purchases of alcohol with the Council Trading Standards Department from a number of the off-licenses in the Neighbourhood. One off-license in the Garswood area sold alcohol to the young person. The person who sold the alcohol to the young person has been issued with a fixed penalty notice and the owners will be reported to the Council Licensing Section for a review of their license.

Have your say

The next Community Priority meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 8th December 2009 at Rainford Methodist Church, Ormskirk Road, Rainford. If you cannot attend but believe an issue you are aware needs to be treated as a priority for local agencies, including the police, please email ward.D.Rainford@merseyside.police.uk

Useful Contacts

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**

Further information can be found at – www.sthelens.gov.uk

Email: contactcentre@sthelens.gov.uk