



# Partnership Plan Review 2011 - 2012



# Introduction



As chairman of Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership (CSP), I would like to thank all the partner agencies, including Hertfordshire Constabulary, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Hertfordshire Police Authority, Hertfordshire Probation Trust, NHS Hertfordshire and officers at Hertsmere Borough Council, for their continued hard work to reduce crime and disorder and increase feelings of safety in Hertsmere.

This booklet reviews our crime statistics, highlights some of our key successes during 2011/12 and includes figures from the 2011 Residents Survey. Information is also provided on our local Community Safety Partnership Groups and a list of useful contacts.

Each year, the partnership is required to undertake a strategic assessment, which is an evidence based document that highlights local issues. This provides us with a better knowledge and understanding of local community safety issues and allows us to prioritise our work. Our aims for 2012/13 continue to be:

- To create safer environments by tackling crime (particularly dwelling burglary and vehicle crime), anti-social behaviour and alcohol-related disorder
- To improve lives by reducing harm caused to communities by drugs
- To reduce offending and manage offender behaviour
- To build community confidence and increase feelings of safety

In the current financial climate, our partnership of mainly public sector organisations is under increasing pressure to deliver more for less. We have embraced this opportunity to review the work we are currently doing and how it will be delivered in the future.

We remain dedicated to working in partnership to achieve our aims to make Hertsmere an even safer place to live, work and visit.

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**Councillor Charles Goldstein  
Community Safety Portfolio Holder  
Chairman of Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership Hertsmere Borough Council**

# Partnership Performance

The partnership monitors statistics on crime and anti-social behaviour on a regular basis. The figures below reflect the performance of the partnership in the period April 2011 to March 2012 compared with the previous year's figures. Overall crime has fallen by 3%.

All crime - **179 fewer crimes**

Dwelling burglary - **126 fewer crimes**

Theft of motor vehicles - **45 fewer crimes**

Criminal damage - **22 fewer crimes**

Road traffic collisions - **44 fewer accidents**

Robbery - *remains the same as the previous year with 42 offences*

Assault with less injury - **15 more crimes**

(which includes actual bodily harm and other injury, racially or religiously aggravated injury)

Motor vehicle crime - **42 more crimes**

Theft from motor vehicle - **92 more crimes**

Deliberate primary fires - **16 more fires**

(which includes fires in buildings which are used or occupied)

Deliberate secondary fires - **16 more fires**

(which includes fires in derelict buildings, single trees and rubbish bins)



# Residents Survey

Hertsmere Borough Council commissioned an independent survey in 2011 to find out what residents thought about local services. The findings were that:

**91%** of residents are satisfied with their area as a place to live

**76%** of residents agreed that the police and local council are successfully dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime issues in their local area

**99%** of residents feel safe in their local area when outside during the day

**75%** of residents feel safe in their local area when outside after dark



## Key successes 2011 - 2012

**PL8 SAF3**

Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Reduction Partnership

### PL8 SAF3

Vehicle crime, especially theft of number plates, was highlighted as an issue across the borough, so a number of events were held in Bushey, Borehamwood, Potters Bar and Shenley. Over 250 vehicles were fitted with theft resistant screws and drivers were given invaluable crime prevention advice as well as signing up to Immobilise. Immobilise is a free national property database. For more information please visit [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

### Crash Bang

This initiative brings together the Youth Offending Team (YOT), fire service and police. They educate young people who have been involved in vehicle crime about the possible consequences of careless driving. Amputees in Action also attend the exercise to simulate some of the severe injuries that fire fighters have to deal with at road traffic collisions.

As part of the programme the young people received presentations from a consultant at a London hospital about the trauma injuries he deals with and a woman who lost her son in a road traffic collision and its impact on her family.



### Local Intervention Fire Education (LIFE)

The LIFE project is an intensive fire service programme aimed at diverting young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour. Young people complete the week-long course having been referred by a range of partners, such as the police, schools, and the local YOT. During the course fire fighters show the participants how to use equipment such as hosepipes and breathing apparatus. They learn leadership skills and basic first aid as well as how to assess an accident scene.

Responsibility is a strong focus on the course and the young people are encouraged to take responsibility for equipment, ensuring that it is safe to use. At the end of each course the young people undertake a fire safety demonstration, as part of a passing out parade held at Borehamwood fire station, in front of their families and friends.

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## Community Payback

This project sees local offenders carrying out environmental improvements as a way of paying for their crime and giving back to the community. A total of 5,793 hours have been carried out within the borough working on a number of projects, including decorating a residential care home for older people, litter picking, general maintenance of school grounds, housing estates and alleyways.



## Hertsmere Volunteer Police Cadets (HVPC)

Since the launch of the cadet scheme back in 2010 the cadets have continued to support the work of the CSP and have attended Environmental Action Days, the Neighbourhood Watch Conference and assisted at community events such as the police station open day and Remembrance Sunday parades.

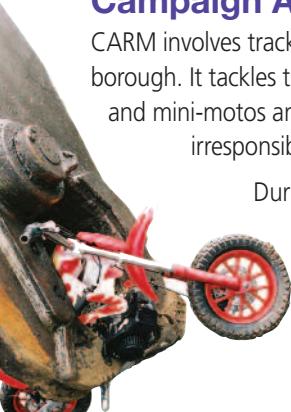
The cadets have also taken part in team building weekends and summer camps which have helped improve their self-esteem and confidence.

For more information please visit [www.hvpc.org.uk](http://www.hvpc.org.uk) or follow them on Twitter @HVPPoliceCadets



## Campaign Against Rogue Motorcycles (CARM)

CARM involves tracking down motorcyclists riding illegally in parks and open spaces in the borough. It tackles the noise and anti-social behaviour associated with off-road motorcycles and mini-motos and aims to remind young people of the dangers of riding bikes irresponsibly.



During the year, seven operations took place across the borough and a number of bikes were seized and section 59 warnings issued. A section 59 warning is given to those who drive a vehicle of any sort in an anti-social manner. The notice is valid for a year for both the driver and the vehicle and if caught again their vehicle could be seized and possibly crushed.

# Key successes 2011 - 2012

## Christmas Safety Trailer

Traditionally burglaries increase during the festive period so the CSP set up a roadshow across the borough with the CSP trailer. Representatives from the CSP attended and spoke to residents giving them information and advice on how to stay safe during the festive season.



## Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

NHW encourages neighbours to get together to help prevent crime in their local community. More than 66% of roads in the borough are covered by the NHW scheme.

## Business Watch

In February, Business Watch was launched in the Centennial Park in Elstree due to an increase in crime on the park. Over 40 people from businesses in the park attended the launch and received presentations from the CSP, fire service and the police. 48 of the 68 businesses on the park are now signed up to Business Watch.

If you would like more information on any of the watch schemes please contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101 (non-emergency number) or visit [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)

## Joint patrols

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) have teamed up with the council's civil enforcement officers to tackle complaints of illegal and dangerous parking at locations across the borough.

## Hertsmere Borough Watch Annual Conference

In February, the CSP hosted its first ever Hertsmere Borough Watch Conference at the Civic Offices. Presentations were given on crime statistics, Crimestoppers, domestic violence and West Herts Against Crime (WHAC). Over 100 local residents attended the conference and were able to talk to representatives from different agencies, gathering information and advice.



## Key successes 2011 - 2012

### Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group (ASBAG)

At ASBAG meetings, representatives from a wide range of partner agencies discuss those people who are persistently involved with ASB.

If you would like to discuss, or report ASB, please contact Hertfordshire Constabulary on 101 (non-emergency number).

### Operation Bracken

This award-winning operation was launched in June following a spate of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour incidents in Borehamwood. A number of agencies worked with the CSP, including British Transport Police to devise a plan of action and as a result, a number of warrants were served, arrests made and initiatives put on for those people at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.

The Prison Me, No Way Trust were funded to run a unique one day workshop for 180 young people, including those at risk of offending or being excluded from school, to educate them about consequences of their behaviour. Whilst being treated as 'prisoners' for the day the young people saw a virtual prison cell in a van, met two prisoners who were serving life sentences for murder and took part in various activity based scenarios.

The Barnet-based mobile youth centre, Rolling Base was also utilised during this operation.

This initiative won the Michael Fogarty Award at the Police Authority's Safer Neighbourhood Awards as the best example of problem-solving in Hertfordshire.



# Key successes 2011 - 2012

## Safer Streets

This is a multi-agency project devised by the CSP and funded by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) to improve community safety and people's quality of life. The project involves a team of officers from the organisations involved in the CSP visiting vulnerable households to talk about how local services can help them. Services that are offered include:

- Free crime prevention advice
- Free smoke detectors - plus free fitting
- Advice on leading a healthier lifestyle and support for quitting smoking
- Information on how to be more involved in the local community
- Free first aid training

Since the launch of the project hundreds of residents have benefitted from this project.



## Trading Standards

Vulnerable consumers are being educated on their rights when buying from doorstep sellers with intervention work and operations being undertaken with several partners within the CSP.

## Box Cleva

The club has been running since February 2011 on a Tuesday evening in Borehamwood, for young people aged from 9 to 15. Alongside teaching boxing skills, advising on healthy eating and increasing fitness, the club also promotes respect and discipline. This initiative has been so successful that extra funding has been secured and it will be run in Potters Bar too.

## Crime Prevention Advice

Local PCSOs teamed up with Hertsmere Borough Watch Association and held a crime prevention advice day at the Civic Offices. A range of leaflets and information was available as well as security equipment for those who wished to purchase it.

# Local Community Safety Partnerships

## Local Community Safety Partnership Groups

Did you know there are local groups that meet regularly to talk about community safety issues in your area?

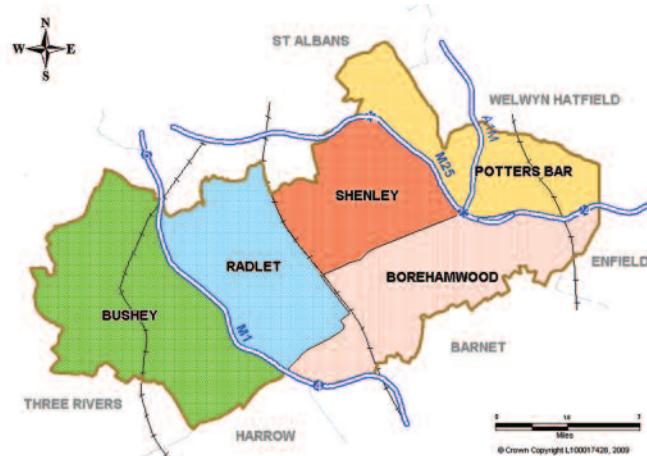
Representatives from the CSP - which include the council, police, fire, housing associations and borough and county councillors - meet with local people to discuss topics such as:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Local crime figures
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Fire safety
- Community safety initiatives
- Issues of local concern

These groups meet four times a year and are open to any local resident or interested party. They operate in Elstree and Borehamwood, Bushey, Potters Bar, Shenley and Ridge and Radlett.

If you would like to get involved and make a difference in your area please contact the council on 020 8207 7801, email [partnership.support@hertsmere.gov.uk](mailto:partnership.support@hertsmere.gov.uk) or visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/csp](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/csp)

***Please come along - we welcome your views and support***



# Useful Contacts

<b>Crimestoppers</b> Website: <a href="http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">www.crimestoppers-uk.org</a>	0800 555 111
<b>Hertfordshire Constabulary non-emergency number</b> Website: <a href="http://www.herts.police.uk">www.herts.police.uk</a>	101
<b>Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service</b> Website: <a href="http://www.hertsdirect.org/fire">www.hertsdirect.org/fire</a>	
<b>Borehamwood Fire Station</b> Email: <a href="mailto:borehamwood.fire@hertscgov.uk">borehamwood.fire@hertscgov.uk</a>	020 8258 1102
<b>Potters Bar Fire Station</b> Email: <a href="mailto:pottersbar.fire@hertscgov.uk">pottersbar.fire@hertscgov.uk</a>	01707 364102
<b>Hertsmere Borough Council</b> Website: <a href="http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk">www.hertsmere.gov.uk</a>	020 8207 2277
<b>Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership</b> Website: <a href="http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/csp">www.hertsmere.gov.uk/csp</a>	020 8207 7801
<b>Victim Support</b> Website: <a href="http://www.victimsupport.org.uk">www.victimsupport.org.uk</a>	01707 354 626

## New Police Commissioner for Hertfordshire

On 15 November 2012 David Lloyd was elected as Police & Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire.

The Commissioner will take on the majority of the Police Authority functions, including the appointment of the Chief Constable, setting the Council Tax precept for the police area, and the Police and Crime Plan.

The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner will be scrutinised by a Police and Crime Panel which is made up of representatives from each of the 10 district / borough councils and Hertfordshire County Council along with two independent members.

The Commissioner can be contacted by phone on 01992 556600 and by email at [commissioner@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:commissioner@herts.pnn.police.uk) or find further details at [www.hertscommissioner.org](http://www.hertscommissioner.org)

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