

**NORTH AREA POLICE AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY
CONSULTATIVE FORUM**

in

**West View Community Centre
Miers Avenue, Hartlepool**

on

**Wednesday 11th March, 2009
commencing at 10 am**

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. MINUTES
 - (a) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2009
 - (b) Matters arising.
3. Update from the Police
 - 3.1 Neighbourhood Policing Update
4. Update from the Fire Brigade
5. Anti-Social Behaviour Unit Update
6. Crime and Disorder Co-ordination Update
 - 6.1 Designated Public Places Order
7. Public Question Time
8. Any issues to be raised by Councillors and Resident Representatives
9. Any Other Business Agreed by the Chair

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Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
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14th January 2009

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 10.00 am at West View Community Centre,
Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet – Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Linda Shields

Councillor Steve Allison	- St Hilda Ward
Councillor Reuben Atkinson	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor Rob Cook	- Hart Ward
Councillor Tim Fleming	- St Hilda Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	- Brus Ward
Councillor Chris McKenna	- Throston Ward
Councillor Michelle Plant	- Brus Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Resident Representatives: Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Lynch, Mary Power,
Bob Steel and Joan Steel

Residents: John Maxwell, M Shaw, Cath Torley and Alan Vale

Officers:
Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer (North)
Peter Gouldsbro, Community Safety Officer
Sally Forth, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
Katie Sheehan, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Claire Brookbanks, Community Safety Assistant
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Natalie Gooding

Police Representatives: Chief Inspector Phil Veitch, Inspector Tony Green, Sergeant Chris Dawber and Sergeant Stuart Porritt,

Fire Brigade Representative: Stuart Simpson

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Fenwick.

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2008 were confirmed.

18. MATTERS ARISING

“Document sent to Councillors indicating that Councils may soon be given powers to enact new byelaws to deal with neighbourhood nuisances” – The Neighbourhood Manager advised that she had no new information on these proposals. In respect of the problems at the Steetley site officers were doing all in their power to alleviate the situation.

19. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Chief Inspector Veitch gave a brief update on recorded crime figures for Hartlepool district and the North area September – December 2008. These showed a reduction in the number of total incidents in the North area and Hartlepool as a whole when compared with the same period in 2007. In terms of individual offences in the North there had been decreases in burglary, robbery, vehicle crime, theft, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour between November and December 2008. Police had formulated action plans to ensure that this trend did not change as a result of the current economic climate.

Details were also given of the District's performance in relation to arrests, cautions, those charged, those arrested on warrants as well as numbers of AS13 forms issued for follow up by the Anti-

Social Behaviour Unit. New initiatives included returning young people suspected of having consumed alcohol to their homes and breathalysing them in front of their parents, the formulation of a Neighbourhood Task Group and the pooling of Neighbourhood Policing resources into neighbourhood 'hubs' based on the current York Road experience

The Forum were advised of further items of interest including a recent cannabis seizure made as part of a routine visit by Neighbourhood PCSOs, plans to put a police desk in all schools and the provision of crime mapping on the Cleveland Police website whereby users could access information on crime and anti-social behaviour levels in their ward.

The following issues were then raised:

A Resident Representative expressed concerns at the number of fires on the lower half of the West View estate and the lack of police support to the fire brigade. The Chief Inspector advised that police and Fire and Rescue representatives met regularly to discuss these issues and that just because there was no police presence did not mean the police were not taking any action. The Fire and Rescue representative concurred with this saying those responsible for the fires had been identified and actions were being taken against them.

A Resident Representative queried what actions were being taken to combat the threat of hard drugs. The Inspector advised that reference to the cannabis seizure had been made as an example of positive Neighbourhood Policing. However cannabis was no longer regarded as a soft drug and could lead to long-term mental health problems. A lot

of work was also being carried out in relation to class a drugs.

A Resident asked why the West View Police Station telephone was never available. Police advised this could be for a number of reasons, including another call trying to get through, officer leave or officers being at an incident. The Chief Inspector advised there was a single point of contact number (01429 235811) for all Neighbourhood Policing matters. Any calls to this number would be forwarded direct to the relevant PCSO for action. The Police were congratulated for keeping all their contact numbers at a local rate.

A Resident Representative referred to rumours he had heard that Neighbourhood Policing was being run down. The Chief Inspector disputed this saying the emphasis on Neighbourhood Policing had never been greater. It had been running for three years so some of the initial excitement was worn off and it was now seen as a normal part of policing.

A Councillor asked what would happen if parents were not in when inebriated youngsters were taken home. The Inspector indicated that the possibility of providing a central area where youngsters could be looked after was under consideration.

Sergeant Chris Dawber and Resident Margaret Shaw then gave a brief presentation on Neighbourhood Watch. Details were given of the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch and the Ringmaster system, with those present urged to encourage their friends and neighbours to sign up. Recruitment forms were available. A Resident Representative queried a recent Ringmaster message looking for HVDA volunteers. The Sergeant advised that Ringmaster was made available to other

organisations if this was felt to be appropriate.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Veitch, Inspector Green, Sergeant Dawber and Mrs Shaw for attending the meeting and answering questions.

20. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

Cleveland Fire and Rescue representative Stuart Simpson outlined the figures for fires in the District and specifically for the North area for October-December 2008 compared to the previous year. There had been increases in F1 fires, deliberate F1 fires and deliberate F3 fires in the North although accidental dwelling fires and fires involving road traffic had dropped. There had also been a decrease in the number of refuse fires and bonfires.

A Resident Representative asked how incidents at the Steetley site were affecting these figures and was advised that they were having a significant adverse impact. However if the Council took any action to address the problems they would become liable. Suggestions were made that the site be completely levelled thereby making it difficult to set fires. However the Chair of Planning Committee advised that there were three companies involved in the development of the site and they were not prepared to spend the £7 million minimum it would cost to clear the area.

The Chair thanked the Cleveland Fire and Rescue Representative for attending the meeting and answering questions.

21. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator updated the meeting on current anti-social behaviour statistics relating to

Hartlepool. October-December referrals were broken down ward by ward and into types of anti-social behaviour. Most of the incidents dealt with related to noise, intimidation/harassment, nuisance behaviour and vandalism/damage to property. A number of measures were used to deal with these with the vast majority resolved through a general warning letter. 43 full anti-social behaviour orders had been granted with a further 8 interim orders.

Details were also given of the Youth Crime Action Plan and the Good Tenant Scheme. The Forum were further advised of developments around selective licensing, intergenerational tolerance and the forthcoming victim and witness awards scheme. Partnership working was highlighted and the Forum were advised that the Straightline project had been nationally recognised with one of the workers given an award.

A Councillor referred to plans for anti-social behaviour officers to travel on buses at perceived peak times of anti-social behaviour. The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator advised that no complaints had actually been received from the public but the problem had been highlighted by the transport companies. The Councillor indicated that she had not had any problems travelling with young people on buses and some had given up their seat for her.

A Councillor referred to the Neighbourhood Action Team meetings and asked if minutes could be made available. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that these were public meetings so anyone could attend. Minutes were sent out to the relevant areas but those areas not involved were not included. However work was also carried out through residents associations.

A Councillor asked how many Outreach youth workers would be working alongside Neighbourhood Police Teams on Friday and Saturday nights as stated in the presentation. The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator stated that one person would be on call.

A Resident Representative asked why the residents associations were not more involved in the multi-agency work. He acknowledged the confidential nature of some of these meetings but argued that all Resident Representatives had been CRB checked as part of their Council role. The Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator responded that the nature of the meeting determined who was invited. There were a wide range of types of meeting and residents representatives were involved in some.

The Chair thanked the Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator for attending the meeting and answering questions

22. HBC COMMUNITY CCTV OPERATION

The Community Safety Officer gave a presentation on Hartlepool Borough Council's Community CCTV System. He dispelled some of the myths surrounding CCTV before looking at the types of camera and their reliability. There were cameras in approximately 80 locations across Hartlepool and any images captured on them were kept for 28 days unless required for a criminal or civil investigation. Images were never released to the press and images could only be released to the person featured on them through the Freedom of Information Act.

The Forum were advised that the Community Monitoring Centre operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with a back up generator and business continuity measures in place. Staff were

highly trained and licensed and there was an open link with Cleveland Police via the Ladgate Lane Communications Room. Cameras were installed to assist in the detection and prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour and to assist in reducing the public's fear of crime. However they should not be regarded as a panacea for resolving issues of Crime and Disorder.

A Resident Representative asked if the camera recently moved from Cemetery Road could be relocated to Barnshaw Bending. The Community Safety Officer advised that this was currently under consideration but he would chase it up.

A Councillor asked if the public would be allowed access to CCTV images if they felt a crime had been committed but police had taken no action. The Community Safety Officer indicated that they would need to apply through the Civil Courts. Any images would be released to the court which would then have responsibility for those images.

The Chair thanked the Community Safety Officer for attending the meeting and answering questions.

23. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Motorbikes and quad bikes – A resident referred to ongoing problems with vehicles being driven on the beach. Action had been promised 3 years ago but so far nothing had happened. In November 2008 there had been activity involving the police helicopter and lifeboats but no charges had been brought. A police representative confirmed that an operation had been carried out prior to Christmas. However off-road vehicles were difficult to catch on foot and regular police vehicles could not be driven onto the beach. Specialist vehicles were available but in limited numbers. People were urged to contact

the police if they had any knowledge of the perpetrators. While no action could be taken without a statement if addresses were supplied it meant officers could attend those addresses and possibly confiscate illegal vehicles. The Neighbourhood Manager further indicated she would be happy to forward any information from residents to the police and urged people to contact her on 01429 523680.

Cemetery Road – A Resident asked if the lights could be fixed. The Neighbourhood Manager to speak to the Council's Public Lighting Manager regarding this.

24. ANY ISSUES TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Middle Warren Estate – A Resident Representative highlighted road problems with the junction at the bottom of Silverbirch Road, saying there had been a number of near misses because drivers were unaware it was a junction. There were also problems with road humps. Bellway had agreed to take responsibility for all roads not owned by the Council and she asked that the police contact them regarding these matters.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There were no issues raised

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm

Chair



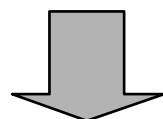
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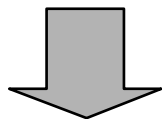
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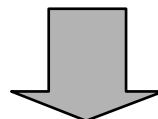
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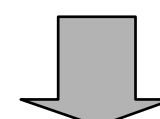
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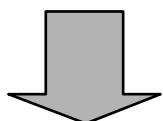
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-13.3%



Violence
-11.6%



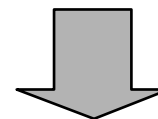
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-21.8%



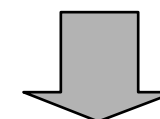
Criminal Damage
-3.8%



Drugs
-51.5%



ASB
-2.7%



Total Crime
-7.5%



Vehicle Crime
+15.7%



Robbery
+6.7%

Performance (Last 3 Months)

Activity	District
Arrests	1096
Cautions	122
Charged	784
Warrants (Arrests)	95
AS13 (North)	73
Street Encounters (North)	577

Items of Interest

- Grey Street – Drugs Activity
- Criminal Damage – Repeat Elderly Victim
- Raby Road – Drugs Activity
- Planned Activity
- Greyfields – Football Match



Questions?



	January to February 2008		January to February 2009	
	District	North Neighbourhood	District	North Neighbourhood
All F1 Fires	27	7	29	12
Accidental Dwelling Fires	4	2	4	1
Deliberate F1 Fires	14	4	22	11
Deliberate F3 Fires	97	51	85	37
RTC	10	0	10	3



	March 07 to February 08		March 08 to February 09	
	District	North Neighbourhood	District	North Neighbourhood
All F1 Fires	212	71	177	71
Accidental Dwelling Fires	40	13	34	12
Deliberate F1 Fires	122	52	110	56
Deliberate F3 Fires	669	282	610	336
RTC	77	14	74	13





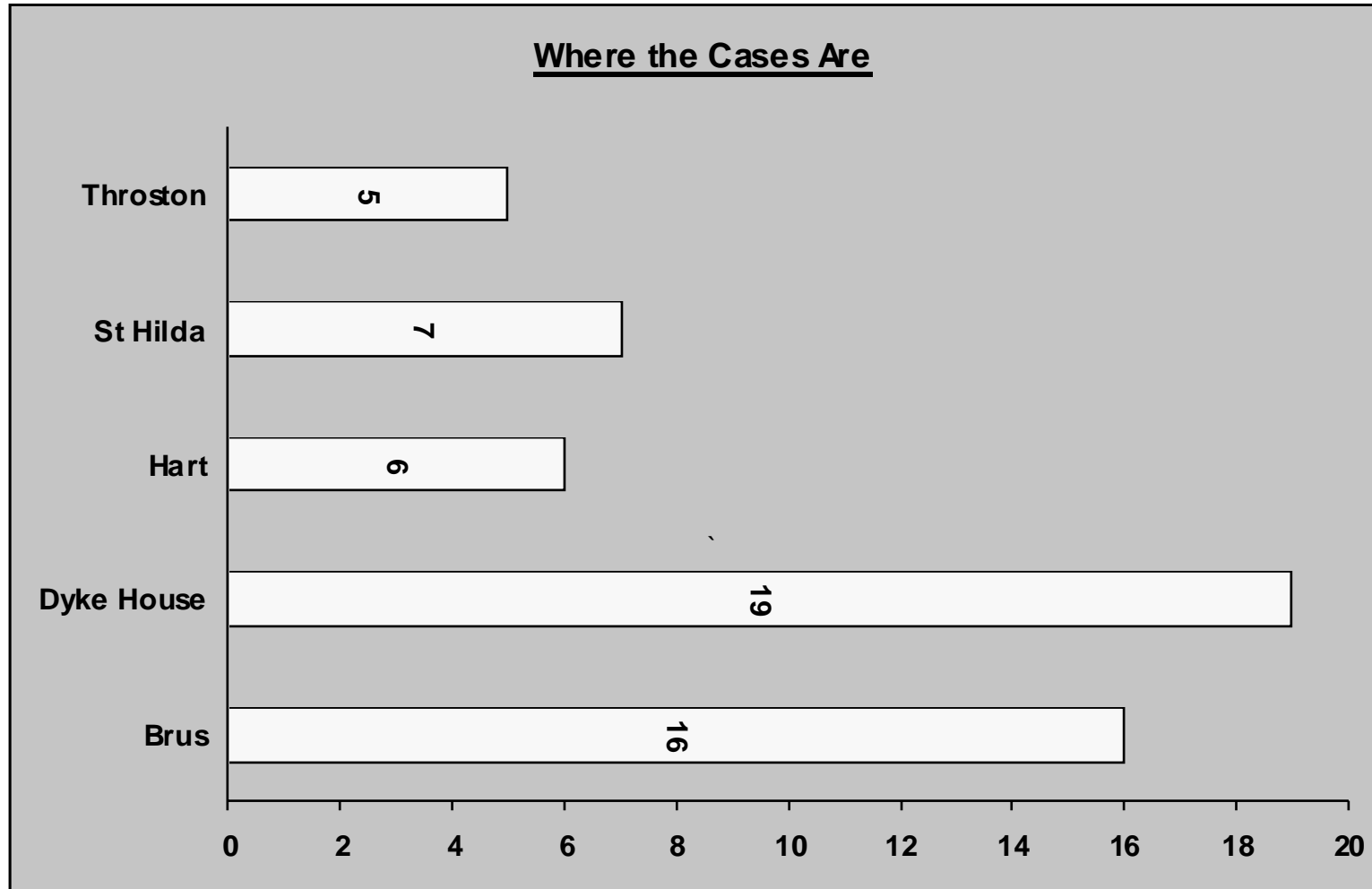
Anti-social Behaviour Activity

NORTH AREA

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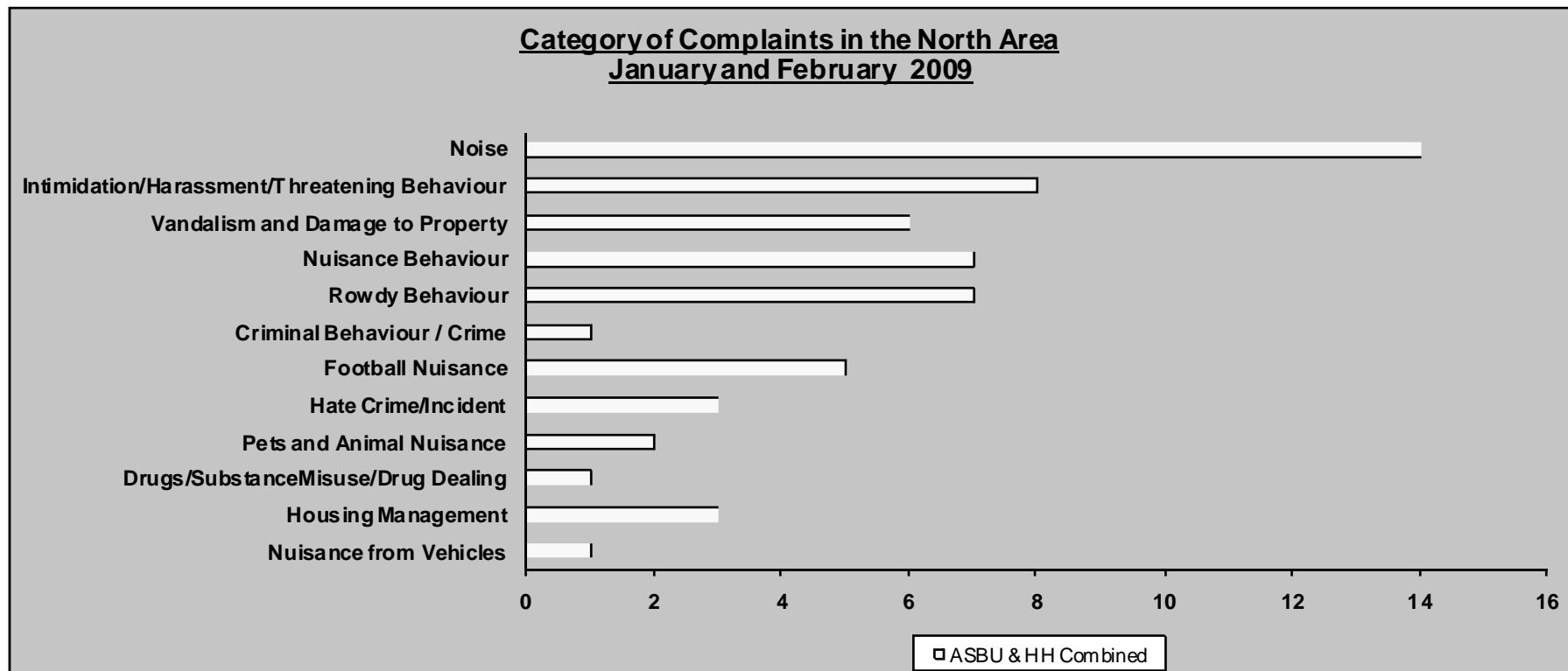
WHERE THE CASES ARE

January- February 2009

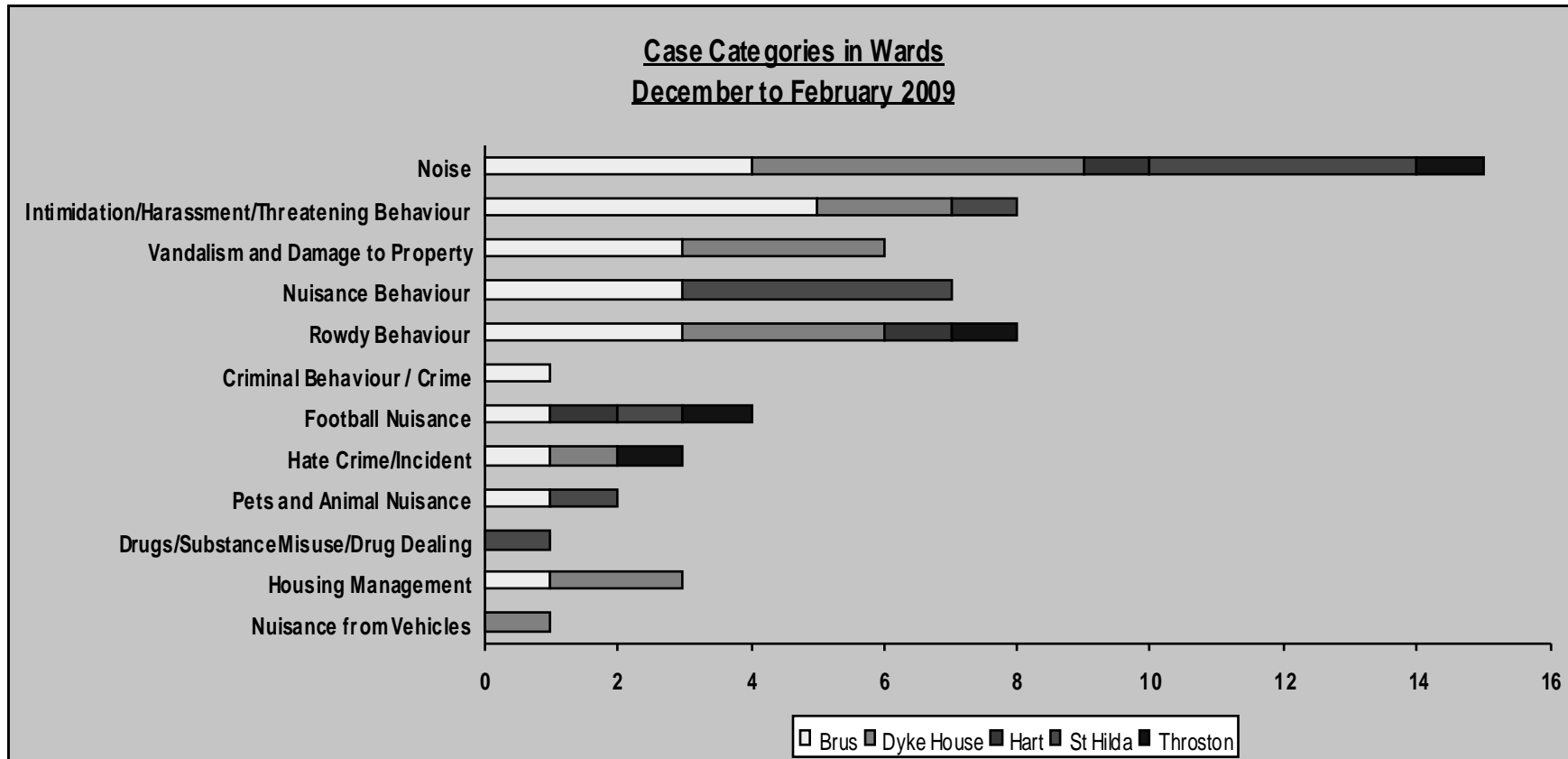


WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DEALING WITH

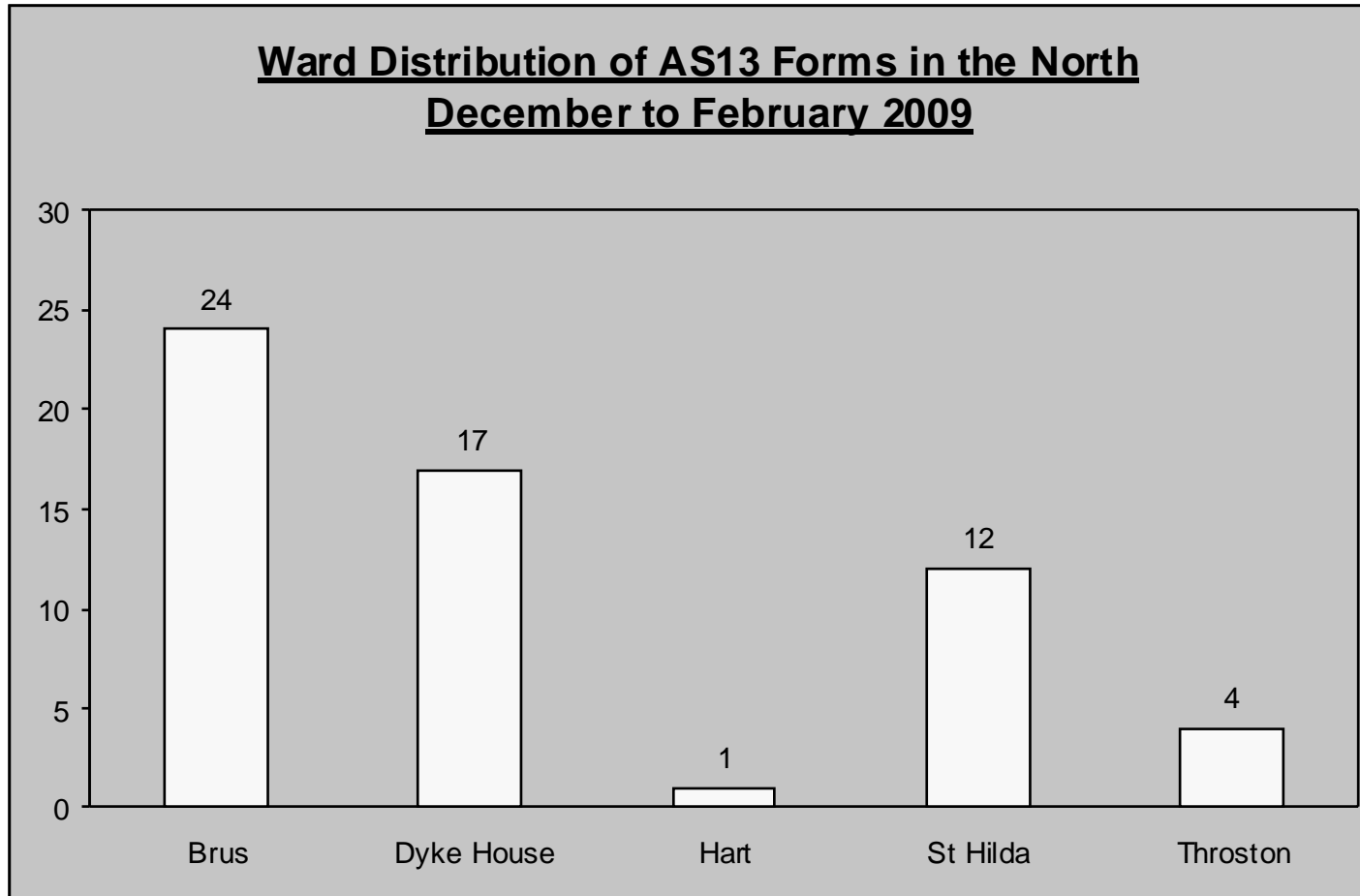
October to December 2008



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DEALING WITH January and February 2009



December to February 2009



Partnership Working

- **Teams around the school launched High Tunstall and St. Hilds.**
- **2 Staysafe operations**
- **Good Tenant Scheme linked to Housing Market Renewal**
- **ASBU working alongside FAST in assertive outreach**
- **New links made with Middle Grange Security Team and Hospital**
- **Safer Hartlepool CCTV launched**

Criminal Justice & Police Act, 2001
Designated Public Places Orders

Sergeant Chris Dawber

Summary

- . DPPO – What are they?
- . DPPO – What they are NOT!
- . How were areas identified?
 - .Police Powers.
 - .What offences?
 - .Ward Maps

DPPO – What are they?

- Designated Public Place Orders are a new tool to enable Police Officers and PCSO's to take proactive timely interventions to deal with and / or prevent alcohol related disorder and nuisance.

What they are not!

- DPPO are not alcohol banning orders. They do not make it illegal to drink in the street!

How were the areas identified

- HBC using police incident data identified core areas which had a proven link between the consumption of alcohol at those locations and alcohol fuelled disorder.
- The legislation requires an evidenced link between a specific location and alcohol related disorder – at this time a town wide order would not be appropriate.

Police Powers

- Constable Reasonably Believes Person Is or Has Been Consuming Or Intends to Consume Alcohol In a Designated Public Place
- Constable May Require Person Not to Consume Anything which is or that they 'Reasonably Believe' is Alcohol
- Surrender Anything Is Reasonably Believes Is Alcohol or any Container

IF

**They are engaged in disorderly
or nuisance behaviour or the
officer reasonably believes that
they will engage in such
behaviour**

What offence?

- The offence is only committed if the person of whom the above requirement has been made – fails to comply with the requirement. i.e. **doesn't stop drinking and/or surrender the alcohol.**

DPPO Maps by Area

North Area

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001

Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Orders 2007/8 Phase 1 and 2

BRUS WARD

Phase 2/80 ■

- Davidson Drive Shops
- King George V Playing Field
- King Owey Drive Shops
- Miers Avenue Shops
- Warren Road Shops
- West View Cemetery



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001

Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Orders 2007/8 Phase 1 and 2

DYKE HOUSE WARD

Phase 2 (23) ■

- Abigail Walk
- Ashley Gardens
- Breward Walk
- Brougham Terrace (Raby Road - Turbull Street)
- Chatham Road
- Granger Street
- Grey Street
- Helmsley Street
- Herbert Walk
- Hurworth Street
- Mapleton Road
- Marion Street
- Mason Walk
- North Cemetery (Dyke House)
- Oakley Gardens
- Perth Street
- Potter Walk
- Raby Road
- St Oswald's Street
- Turbull Street
- Tuson Walk
- Tweed Walk
- Wynnstay Gardens



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HART WARD

Phase 2 (2) ■

Clawering Play Area
Clawering Road (Gillens Arms)

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ST HILDA WARD

Phase 1 (23) ■

Albion Terrace
Area around Heugh Lighthouse
Band Stand, the Promenade
Bath Terrace
Cliff Terrace
Croft Gardens
Croft Terrace
Fronts and Foreshores Headland
Heugh Battery
High Street
Old Gun Placement
Open Space between Harbour Public House and Croft Gardens
Park east of Moor Terrace
Radcliffe Terrace
Redheugh Close Gardens including War Memorial
Sandwell Charre
South Crescent
The Headland Promenade
The Promenade
Town Wall
Unnamed Path (between High Street and Croft Terrace)
Unnamed Path (Moor Terrace - Former Gun Placement)
York Place

Phase 2 (6) ■

Salter Walk
2-28 Town Wall Headland Front
Headland Town Square
Jaques Court
Summerhill Tennis Courts and Bowling Green
Old Cemetary



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THROSTON WARD

Phase 2 (2) ■

Greyfields Play Area
Willshire Way



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Frequently asked Questions

- **Q. Under which powers can police confiscation alcohol from young people?**
- A. The police have powers to confiscate alcohol in both sealed (amendment provided by section 155 of the Licensing Act 2003) and opened containers from young people in public and certain other places when exercising the confiscation powers provided by the Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997.

Q. What about anti-social drinking being displaced into non designated areas?

A. The creation of designated areas may well lead to anti-social drinking or nuisance being displaced into areas that have not been designated for this purpose. Prior to making an area designated, local authorities should make an assessment of all the areas to where they reasonably believe that nuisance or disorder will be displaced, ensuring that all those affected by the designation are appropriately consulted - refer to Home Office Circular 13/2007 and the attachment to that circular for further details.

Q. How can local authorities extend a DPPPO area?

A. A new Order would have to be produced, if an existing designated area is to be extended. This is to ensure that the extended area is just and reasonable. Refer to Home Office Circular 13/2007 and the attachment to that circular for details on introducing DPPPOs.