

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

**At**

**Throston Grange Community Centre,  
Glamorgan Grove, Hartlepool**

**on**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
commencing at 2.00 pm**

## **A G E N D A**

1. Apologies for absence
2. MINUTES
  - 2.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2010
  - 2.2 Matters arising.
3. Update from the Police
4. Update from the Fire Brigade
5. Anti-Social Behaviour Unit Update
6. Crime and Disorder Co-ordination Update
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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***NORTH AREA POLICE &  
COMMUNITY SAFETY  
CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

**21 April 2010**

***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

**PRESENT:**

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet – Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Linda Shields

Councillor Reuben Atkinson - Dyke House Ward  
Councillor Caroline Barker - Hart Ward  
Councillor Edna Wright - Hart Ward

Resident Representatives: Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, Maureen Waller

Residents: David Nin, Cath Torley, Liz Torley, Alan Vale

Officers: Nicolas Stone, Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer  
Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager  
Katie Sheehan, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer  
Claire Wilson, Community Safety Assistant  
Andrew Hughes, Community Safety Project Officer  
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police: Inspector Mick Brown, Inspector Tony Green,

Housing Hartlepool: Natalie l'Anson

Fire Brigade: Peter Bradley

**30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allison, R Cook, Griffin and Plant.

**31. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2010**

These were confirmed as an accurate account.

**32. MATTERS ARISING**

No items.

**33. UPDATE FROM POLICE**

Inspector Mick Brown provided an overview of crime statistics for Hartlepool and also the North area of the Borough. Overall all crime was down by 5.6% although house burglaries and violent crime had risen. A summary of arrests, cautions, charges, warrants, AS13 and street encounters was also given.

He highlighted various police responses to areas of concern for residents including problems with youths causing annoyance in Miers Avenue, Middleton Road and Rogeri Place. He stated that it was likely that Operation Sunshine would be run again this summer to combat drinking in public places. Details were given of initiatives including 'Cuppa with a Copper', Police and Communities Together (PACT), youth initiatives including a Youth Club at Brougham Primary School, and Anti-Social Behaviour awareness day (ASBAD).

A Member thanked the Inspector for his presentation and asked why if there had been 660 street encounters, only 3 of these had been cautioned. The Inspector explained that if a person was stopped it did not necessarily mean that an offence had been committed. A Caution was an alternative disposal for an offence rather than an arrest.

A Member asked whether there was a problem with youths at King Oswy Drive Shops, Gillens or the Clavering Play area. The Inspector confirmed that there had been incidents in these locations as well.

A Member queried whether the youth club at Brougham Primary Schools was run by Officers and was informed that officers

supported other Partners in running this. The Member queried whether approaches had been made to Clavering or Barnard Grove to hold similar clubs. The Inspector confirmed that if the Brougham School project was successful it was hoped to roll this out to other areas. The Neighbourhood Manager gave details of other projects running in the area.

It was clarified that the Cuppa with a Copper initiative was planned to be held every month in every ward. A resident asked where these were advertised and was informed that the Police had a media strategy and utilised Radio Hartlepool, the Hartlepool Mail and the Police website as well as posters in supermarkets and the Ringmaster service.

A resident stated that she had not received any updates from Ringmaster recently. The Inspector agreed to pursue this with the team but hoped that it was because there had been no activity in that area.

A resident representative highlighted problems with youths hanging around shops and intimidating people. The Inspector said that outreach workers had been brought in and patrols stepped up as well as parents being informed.

A resident representative said that this was also occurring at Hartfields and suggested that the security aspect would have to be provided for in the proposed park. The Inspector agreed to make an assessment of the area and would have a patrol plan to keep situations under control.

The resident representative also highlighted youths breaking into building sites. The Inspector said that with regard to building sites, approaches had been made to the contractors who had initially been unwilling to respond. However,

because of the police IMAP system which details crime in specific areas, prospective house purchasers may have been put off. However using a problem solving technique, this had now been rectified.

A resident representative highlighted problems with traffic calming measures on Bishop Cuthbert exacerbated by some roads being adopted and others not. The Inspector said that the Police took road traffic offences seriously and consultation would take place between the Local Authority and building firms with regards to speed calming measures.

A Member asked whether Police Community Support Officers had been issued with radios and was informed that they had, although there had been initial teething problems, this meant that they did not now have to return to the Police Office to complete paperwork.

A Member referred to the problems in Rogeri Place and said that the area used to be well sought after but now undesirables inhabited the area. The Inspector said that police and Housing Hartlepool were working together to curb antisocial behaviour.

A resident representative highlighted speeding traffic on Merlin Way. Although she acknowledged there was an ongoing traffic review by the Local Authority, the problems continued to occur and she would like feedback in relation to the review. The Inspector said that he would ensure, through the Road Policing Unit, that the area was monitored and provide feedback to the resident representative on this. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed that a presentation would be brought to the next available meeting in order to update residents on the situation.

The Chair thanked Inspector Brown for his update.

#### **34. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE**

The Community Liaison Officer, Peter Bradley provided numbers of fires which had occurred in the North Area of the town. Numbers continued to fall from the previous year. Home safety visits were continuing to be provided for residents.

He highlighted that the Steetley site was still considered a problem with 25 of the 43 deliberate fires in the area were attributed to this site. In the Central Estate area there had been no fires in the last three months and 15 home safety checks had been carried out during that period.

He also informed the Forum of diversionary events for young people including rugby, football, boxing and multi-sports sessions.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his update. The Neighbourhood Manager said that both the Police and Fire Brigade did a great deal for young people in the area and provision was also to be made for school holidays. The Forum had provided £10,000 a year for three years to ensure that there was a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in the area. The Playbuilder initiative would also ensure that there were lots of play areas in the north area.

#### **35. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE**

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer provided statistics giving numbers of Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (ASBU) and Housing Hartlepool cases for January – March 2010. The ASBU unit cases were mostly rowdy and nuisance behaviour whilst the largest number of Housing Hartlepool cases were in relation to intimidation or harassment. Customer satisfaction was 100% in relation to

ASBU and 94% for the Housing Hartlepool Customer Satisfaction Standard although he acknowledged that the ASBU had a low response rate for feedback.

He also provided details of case outcomes and actions and Good Tenant Scheme applications. He said that when repeat victims were identified, problem solving measures would be put in place and support was given to vulnerable victims. He said that a recent inspection which had involved young people, had promoted plans for documentation being made easier for them to understand. He highlighted the Good Citizen day which raised the awareness of primary school pupils and this would be rolled out to primary schools in the town.

A Member asked whether there was any feedback on cases which were unresolved and which had been passed on to other agencies. She was informed that feedback would be given to the victim from ASBU cases but where cases were passed to other agencies to deal with they then became responsible for feeding back to the client actions they had taken. The officer suggested that the Principal Environmental Health Officer be invited to the Forums to update on his cases.

A resident representative highlighted problems with landlords who did not live in the town and therefore not bothered about the state of the neighbourhood of the premises which they rented out. The Officer said that there was townwide accreditation, selective licensing in designated areas of the town as well as support from the regeneration and private sector housing team. There were also legal enforcement powers which could be used if necessary and the empty home strategy. There were many avenues through which residents could highlight issues of concern including residents associations, Ward Members, the

Neighbourhood Services team, as well as the Police. The Officer said that people should not be frightened to report any issues as details of who had made complaints were not revealed to the perpetrator.

### 36. CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATION UPDATE

The Community Safety Project Officer outlined the structure of the unit based at 8 Church Street. He highlighted the new Domestic Violence magistrates court in the town. Priorities for the unit included reduction of violent crime including domestic abuse. Funding had been accessed from various sources including Community Cohesion and the small retail capital grants fund. The latter had been used for target hardening small businesses. Examples of projects the unit was involved in were cited, including Operation Cleansweep.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his presentation.

### 37. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**West View Cemetery** – A resident outlined damage which had been caused by three males to land owned by the Local Authority. The Inspector agreed to ascertain what could be done about this.

**Hindpool Close** – A resident stated that she believed that the speed humps in that street were not achieving a reduction in speed of the traffic and other measures should be put in place. A resident representative agreed with these comments.

**Central Estate** – A resident informed Police of a prowler trying door handles of bungalows. The Inspector agreed to investigate this.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 am.



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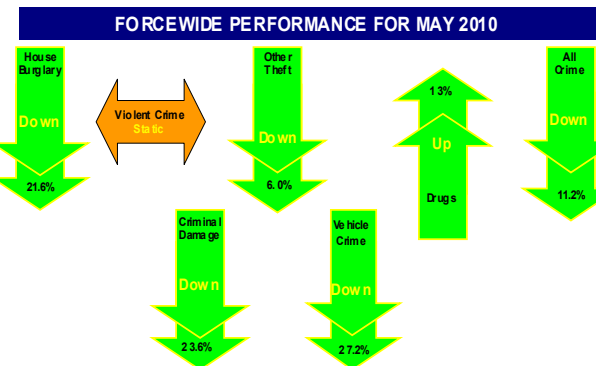
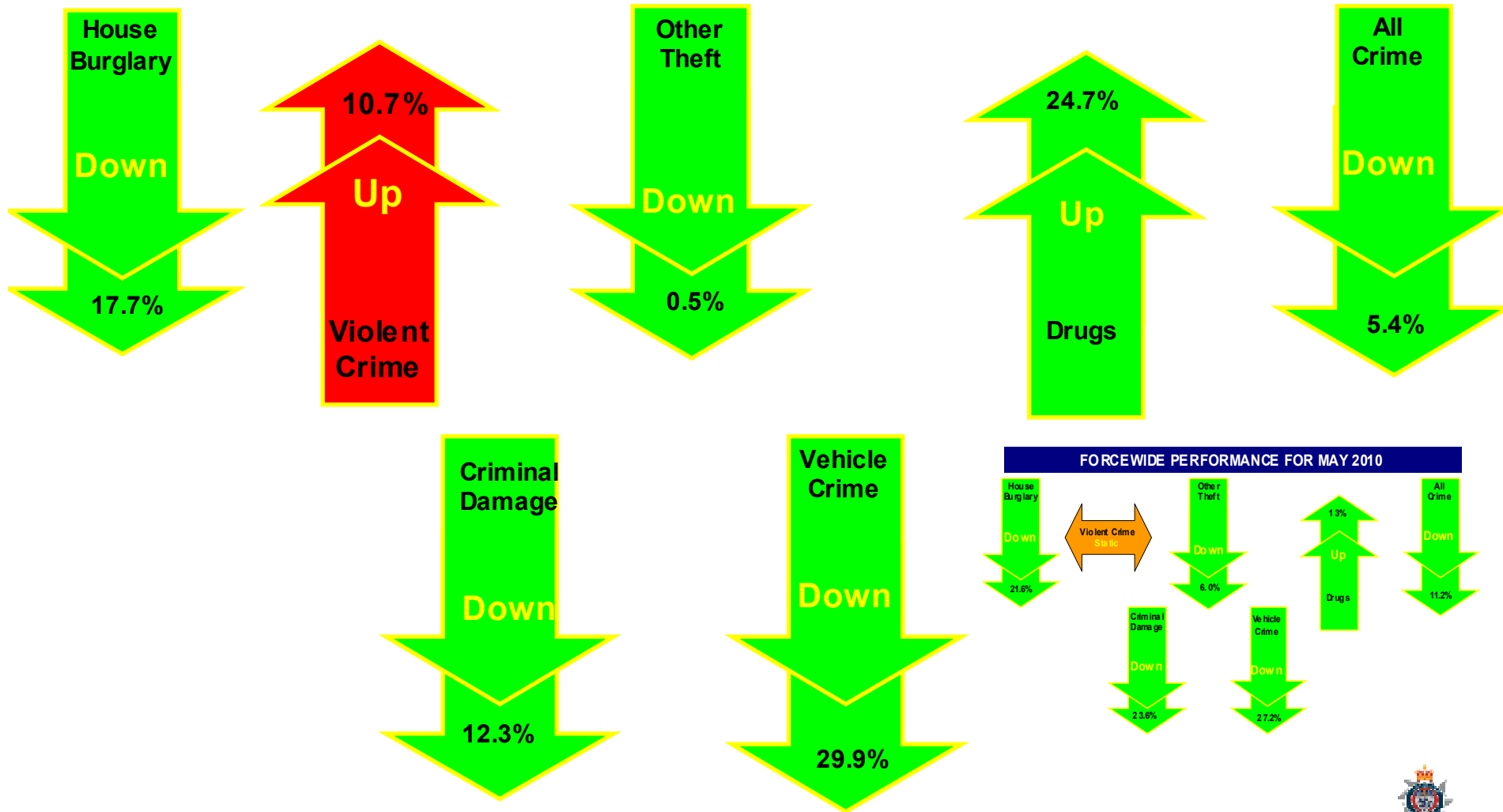
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# Performance (Last 3 Months)

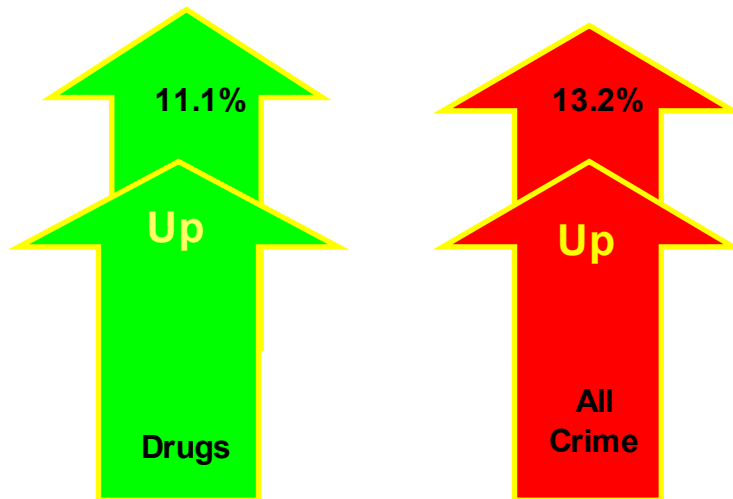
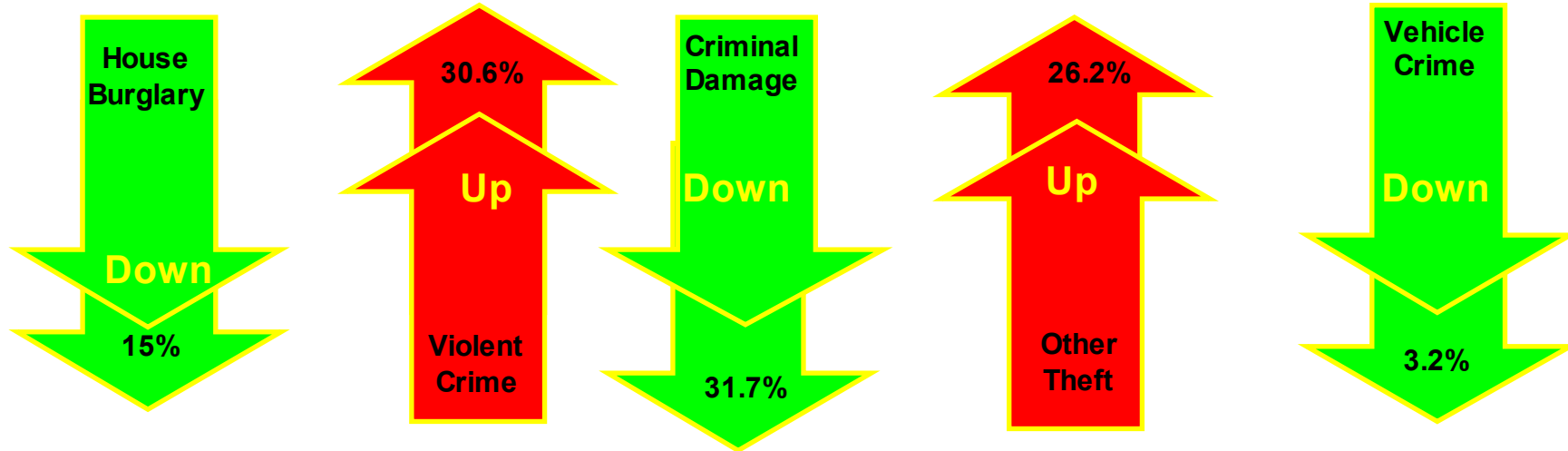
| Activity           | District | North |
|--------------------|----------|-------|
| Arrests            | 1627     | 72    |
| Cautions           | 142      | 4     |
| Charged            | 720      | 49    |
| Warrants (Arrests) | 80       | 5     |
| AS13 (North)       | 414      | 94    |
| Street Encounters  | 7666     | 507   |

# FORCEWIDE PERFORMANCE FOR JUNE 2010

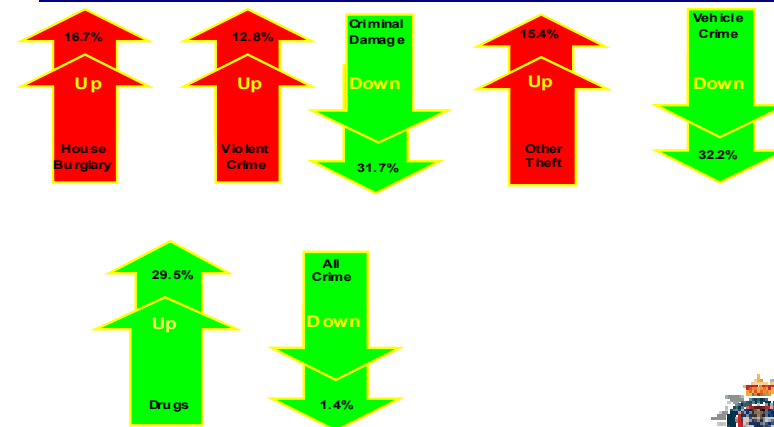




# HARTLEPOOL PERFORMANCE FOR JUNE 2010



## HARTLEPOOL PERFORMANCE FOR MAY 2010



# Items of Interest

- PCSO Gippert and PCSO Robinson were praised by Housing Hartlepool for their work in resolving a domestic issue involving a mother a son.
- PCSO Fowler policed the Throston Fun Day.
- PCSO Corkin policed the Headland Heritage Day.

# Items of Interest

- PCSO Lewis was on foot patrol in Brougham Terrace, a local resident gave her information about a burglary in progress, PCSO Lewis then contacted response officers who attended and arrested one of Hartlepool's targeted criminals.

# Items of Interest

- PC Lee and PC Oliver working with Housing Hartlepool, gathered evidence regarding an Anti Social Behaviour Injunction against a problem tenant in Bruntoft Avenue. This has resulted in one person being arrested and Housing Hartlepool taking back possession of the property, which had been subject to a number of complaints by local residents.

# Items of Interest

- The Hart Neighbourhood Police Team attended a presentation at Headquarters as the nomination for the Hartlepool Neighbourhood Police Team of The Year. Although they did not win first place in this force wide competition they are to be congratulated for making the final.

# Items of Interest

- PCSO Liddell is currently setting up the Neighbourhoods Youth Engagement Scheme which is likely to be rolled out force wide.

# You said we did.....

- Extra patrols at King Oswy and Clavering
- Youth club at Brougham set up as designated Neighbourhoodies project which encourages young people to respect their neighbourhoods.
- Extra patrols at Miers Ave/Rogeri Place



# Questions?

