

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

**at**

**Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre,  
Kendal Road, Hartlepool**

**on**

**Thursday, 13 January 2011  
commencing at 10.00 am**

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

1. Apologies for absence
2. MINUTES
  - 2.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 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. Any Other Business Agreed by the Chair

**WARDS**

Burn Valley  
Elwick  
Foggy Furze  
Grange  
Park  
Rift House  
Stranton

***CENTRAL POLICE &  
COMMUNITY SAFETY  
CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

**11 November 2010**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre, Kendal Road, Hartlepool

**PRESENT:**

Chair:	Councillor Kevin Cranney	- Foggy Furze
Vice-Chair:	Resident Representative Evelyn Leck	
	Councillor Jonathan Brash	- Burn Valley Ward
	Councillor Pauline Laffey	- Park Ward
	Councillor Frances London	- Foggy Furze Ward
	Councillor Dr George Morris	- Park Ward
	Councillor Robbie Payne	- Stranton Ward
	Councillor Carl Richardson	- Grange Ward
	Councillor Hilary Thompson	- Elwick Ward

**Resident Representatives:**

Ted Jackson, Evelyn Leck, Steven Mailen, Brian McBean, Noma Morrish,

Residents: Emma Falve, Gordon Johnson, Stella Johnson, Noma Morrish, William Morrish, Ruth Stoddart, Jackie Swift, John Swift, Julie Tring, Ray Waller

**Council Officers:**

- Clare Clark, Neighbourhood Manager
- Nicholas Stone, Senior Anti Social Behaviour Officer
- Carl Gatenby, Police Anti Social Behaviour Officer
- Jon Wright, Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager
- Julie Hetherington, Community Safety Assistant
- Andrew Hughes, Community Safety Project Officer
- Peter Gouldsbro, Community Safety Officer
- Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

**Police Representatives:** Sgt Dave Halliday, Inspector Carl Broughton,

**Housing Hartlepool:** Linda Smith

**Fire Brigade Representative:** Peter Bradley

## 10. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair Councillor Kevin Cranney welcomed residents, Councillors and Officers.

## 11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aiken, Maness and Simmons and Resident Representatives Bob Farrow, Brenda Lloynes, Julie Rudge and Hilda Wales.

## 12. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2010

These were approved as a true record.

## 13. MATTERS ARISING

**Longhill Industrial Estate** – Resident Ray Waller expressed concern at the recent fires on the estate and asked when action would be taken to move these waste sites. This view was echoed by many others present. The Neighbourhood Manager said that talks were ongoing with the waste site operators. Resident Representative Ted Jackson reminded the meeting that these were on sites which had been approved by the Planning Authority. It was suggested that a meeting be held with owners of the waste sites.

## 14. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Sergeant Halliday gave an overview of performance for August and September for all of Cleveland as well as that specific to Hartlepool. 'Other Theft' had risen and this was in relation to metal. There had also been a rise in vehicle crime and house burglaries. However in Hartlepool

overall, there had been 56 fewer crimes across the district. Details of performance in the Central area in relation to arrests, detections, incidents were given. Sgt Halliday gave feedback on an incident with fly tipping which had been raised at the last meeting. In relation to the use of private traffic cones in Park Road Resident Ray Waller said that this was still ongoing. Sgt Halliday also referred to information received from an owner of a local guest house after seeing an article in the Hartlepool Mail. This had led the arrest of a high category criminal.

**Visual Audits** – Concern had been raised by Bob Farrow that these had ceased, however Inspector Broughton assured the meeting that these were still ongoing. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to provide details of these to residents.

**Extra Police Officers in Shopping Centre** – Several attendees expressed concern that PCSOs were being removed from their Neighbourhood Policing duties to police Middleton Grange Shopping Centre. It was agreed to contact the District Commander to invite him to attend a meeting to enable residents, Resident Representatives and Members to voice their disquiet at the policy.

**Cuts in Police Budget** – Councillor Payne expressed concern that cuts in the budget would affect front line policing and that crime would soar. He asked what the Force priority would be for the next four years. Inspector Broughton reminded him that police staff duties were now outsourced to a private company, enabling the Force to make a £5 million saving per year. Police Officers would not be dismissed.

**PCSOs** – Councillor Brash highlighted that because of budget cuts temporary contracts were not being renewed. He

asked whether any Hartlepool PCSOs who were on permanent contacts would be deployed in other parts of the Force area. The Chair advised Councillor Brash to put that question to the District Commander.

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

Peter Bradley updated the meeting on the number of fires in the Central Area. All had decreased with the exception of dwelling house fires which had remained the same. This was attributed to cooking fat fires and so work was ongoing to educate people about the dangers of this.

Hotspots in the Central Area were Sandgate Industrial Estate and Mainsforth Terrace area and enforcement action was ongoing with perpetrators. The meeting was advised of a problem with cable burning but following collaboration with scrap metal dealers who agreed not to buy small amounts of metal from vendors on foot or bikes, this problem had been resolved. Mr Bradley also advised the meeting of diversionary football initiatives for young people in the central area of the town. Mr Bradley stated that Bonfire night had been a success with calls down by 28% on the previous year.

**Smoke Alarms** – The meeting was advised that if the new fire angel detectors have been fitted in a property and it constantly beeps, then we would replace faulty ones.

#### **16. UPDATE FROM THE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT**

The Police Antisocial Behaviour Officer provided details of the type of cases that had been dealt with by the Unit and

Housing Hartlepool between July and September 2010. There had been a decrease in the amount of Intimidation cases compared to the previous year. The Unit had been actively involved in resolving complaints in the Mitchell Street, Thornton Street and Dent Street and residents were thanked for their help in relation to these.

The Forum was reminded that nominations for the Pride in Hartlepool awards closed on 19 November. Details were given of the Antisocial Behaviour Awareness Day.

**Furness Street** – Resident John Swift stated that some residents were frightened to report incidents for fear of reprisals.

He had suffered repercussions after reporting problems.

He stated that he feels let down by the Unit and is unhappy that in his view issues have not been dealt with appropriately in his area.

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer stated he was aware of Mr Swift's concerns regarding his complaints and stated he could not agree with Mr Swift's comments and reassured the meeting that all complaints received by the Unit had been dealt with in an appropriate and timely manner and offered Mr Swift the opportunity to speak to the Anti-Social Behaviour co-ordinator about his concerns.

**ARMISTICE DAY - AT 11.00 AM TWO MINUTES SILENCE WAS OBSERVED**

#### **17. UPDATE FROM THE CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATION UNIT**

The Community Safety Project Officer outlined initiatives which were ongoing in

relation to Operation Cleansweep. Organised crime groups in the town were being targeted. A further priority was 'Prevent' agenda in relation to protection from violent extremism. The meeting was assured that CCTV provision in the town was a priority. The annual review of crime and disorder known as the Strategic Assessment was currently taking place. Hartlepool's Specialist Domestic Violence court had been launched by the Mayor in May. The Team had won the Excellent Partnership Working Award 2010 at the Celebrating success awards.

**Low Energy Street Lighting** – Resident Representative Evelyn Leck expressed concern that low energy lighting was to be used between 1.00 am and 5.00 am. She was informed that this was being trialled in 3 areas of the town and not in areas where there was a high crime rate. The Community Safety Project Officer would pass on her concerns to the Public Lighting Manager.

The meeting concluded at 11.27 am

CHAIR



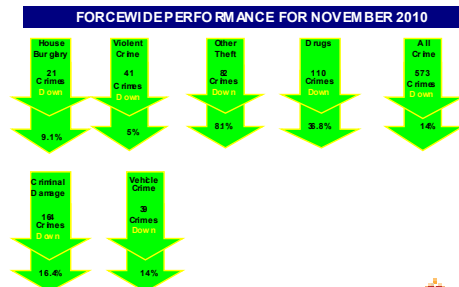
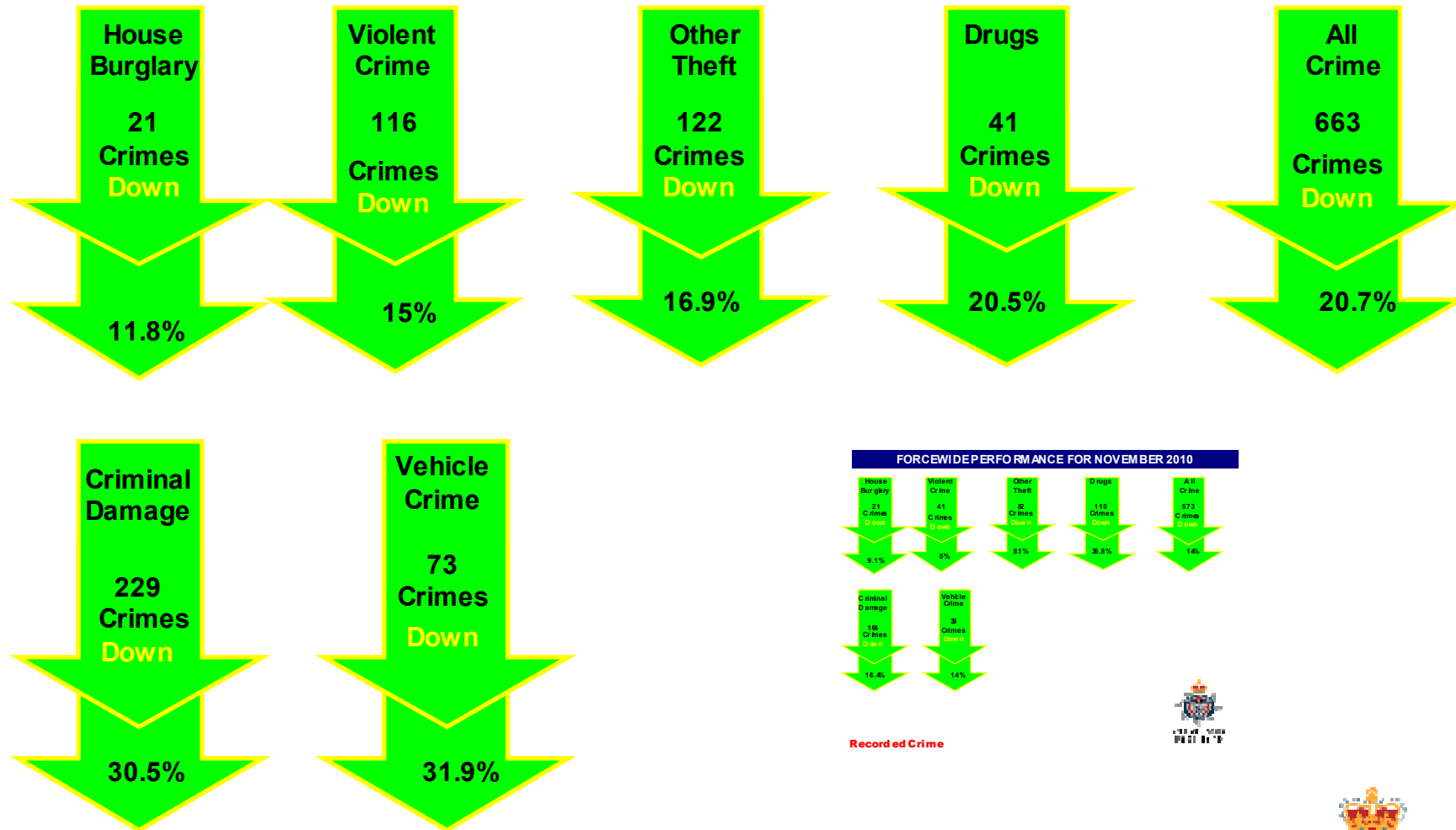
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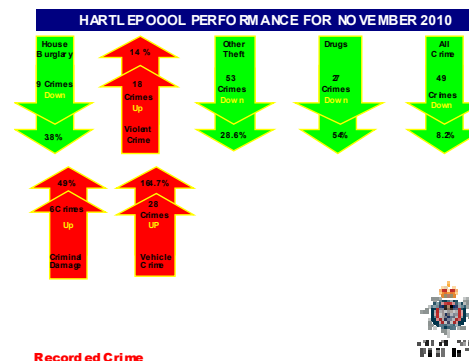
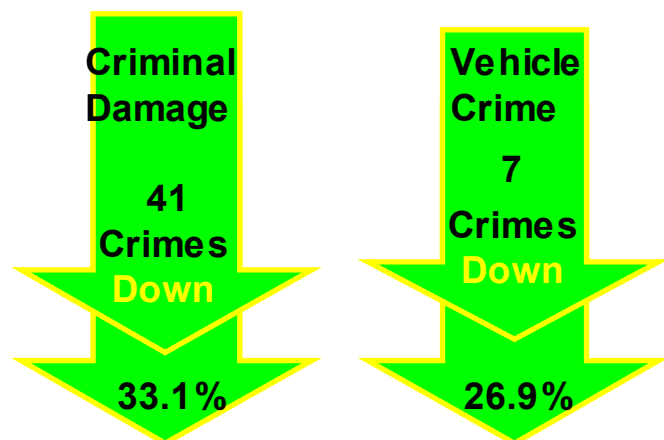
# FORCEWIDE PERFORMANCE FOR DECEMBER 2010



Recorded Crime



# HARTLEPOOL PERFORMANCE FOR DECEMBER 2010





# Performance (Last 3 Months)

Activity	District	Central
Arrests	1349 (-257)	49 (-21)
Detections	659 (-253)	25 (-17)
Incidents	6589 (-817)	408 (-102)
Street Encounters	8082 (+567)	2403 (+565)
Intelligence Submissions	3955 (+398)	1318 (+182)
AS 13 (monthly average)	87 (-38)	20 (-21)

# You said! We did!

- Dent Street remains a ward priority although with the abstractions for MGSC the teams have felt the strain of trying to keep on top of everything. A co-ordinated operation took place on 7 January with positive results.
- Baden Street continues to cause concern in the Burn Valley Ward, and the Police Teams are very keen to work with partners and Ward Councillors to make a positive impact in the area.
- Intelligence passed from Foggy Furze residents enabled Police to execute 2 simultaneous drugs warrants in Hereford Street.

# Good News Stories

- **Neighbourhood Police Teams are now responsible for working with our partners to re visit and support repeat victims of Domestic Violence. This work is often time consuming and is not reflected in the earlier statistics, but sets out to reduce all crime of this nature by working with Harbour in particular.**
- **A member of the public had a carrier bag full of Christmas presents stolen on Christmas Eve. PCSO Graeme Handley heard the description of the carrier bag being passed out, and recalled that he had seen a well known criminal carrying that type of bag 30 minutes earlier. His observation skills and pro-active response enabled Police Officers to arrest the male and recover ALL of the stolen presents thereby rescuing one families Christmas.**

# Good News Stories Cont....

- **PC Blackwell and PCSO Swainston were made aware of a Polish family living in their ward who were becoming subject to ASB. Their positive intervention has allowed this family to become aware of who the ward officers are and that they can have confidence in reporting any issues via the NPT's.**
- **The reduction in CAD has allowed the NPT's to spend longer in their wards which has helped to soften the blow of the major abstractions into the shopping centre. The Police teams have as a result been able to spend a proportionate amount of patrol time dealing with repeat victims of crime, ASB and domestic abuse as well as time spent with some of our more vulnerable retail outlets.**



# Questions?





**Anti-social Behaviour Activity**

**CENTRAL AREA**

**January 2011**

## **Points of Interest**

- Funding has been confirmed by the Council to continue with 3 ASB Officer posts with in the ASBU for the next year
- The annual Anti-social behaviour Awareness Day (ASBAD) event attended by all Year 8 pupils is due to start on 08.02.11 at the Borough Hall
- Two focus groups were carried out at the Central Library with residents to discover their views on anti-social behaviour as part of the development of a new Social Behaviour Strategy
- Following on from a residents meeting a leaflet drop was carried out in the Dent Street area by the Central ASB Officer encouraging residents to report any nuisance they were experiencing

## **Points of Interest**

- In the Burn Valley area ASB and NPT Officers worked together to deal with a group of young persons who were gathering in an alleyway causing noise and nuisance to local residents
- Officers engaged with those involved and spoke to them and their parents about the impact their behaviour was having on residents. Softballs were also issued to reduce noise levels. These simple actions have completely resolved the issue
- Anti-social Behaviour Orders have been obtained on Anthony Clark and Dane Hull for disorder in the Baden Street area
- ASBOs continue



## Points of Interest

- The ASBU has been heavily involved in the public multi-agency meeting to tackle asb by young people in the Linear Park area
- Extensive multi-agency work and interventions have occurred in the area which have resulted in a dramatic decrease in complaints from local residents.

### The ASBU has:

- Helped vulnerable residents to receive victim support and crime prevention assistance and target hardening
- Arranged for diversionary and assertive outreach workers from Safe In Tees Valley, FAST and the Fire Service to regularly engage with young people in the area
- Placed 15 young people on Acceptable Behaviour Agreements (ABAs) regarding their behaviour with the help and support of NPT Officers from the Stranton ward



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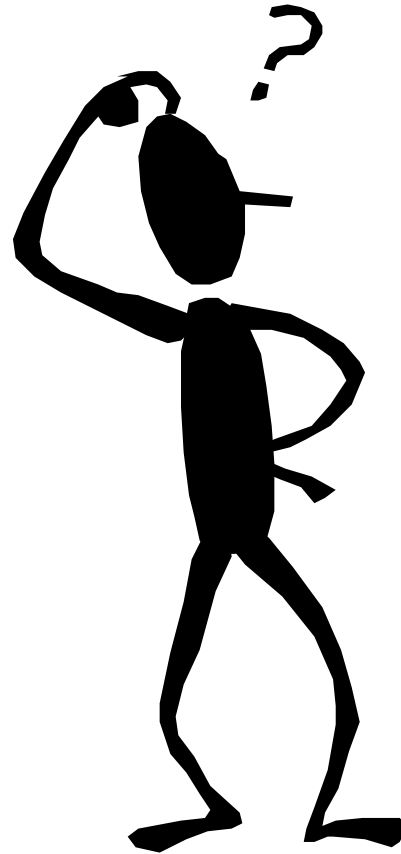
- Arranged for consultation with young people in the area by SITV and FAST through outreach and a mobile 'Big Brother style Diary Room'
- Helped 1 family to engage with family support
- Helped 1 family to engage with parenting support

There has also been:

- Extra patrols by NPT, Environmental and Noise Officers in the area
- Covert CCTV installed through Environmental Services
- Changes proposed by Groundwork's to the layout of the Linear Park to make it more accessible to the community

# Thank you for listening

## Any questions???



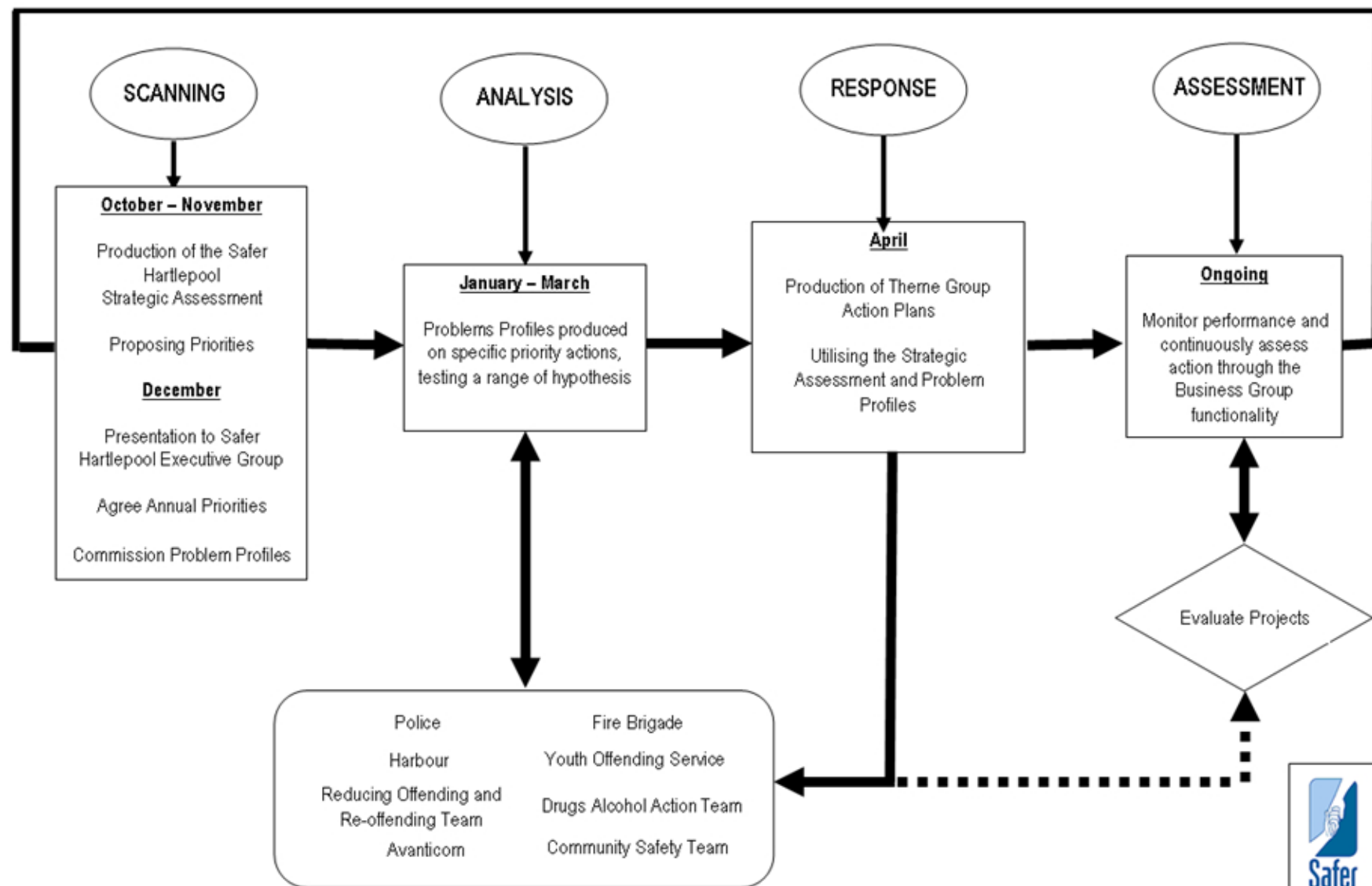
# Safer Hartlepool Partnership

**Brian Neale**

**Community Safety Manager**



## 12 MONTH STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT BUSINESS PROCESS



# New Objectives 2011 - 2014

- Reduce crime and repeat victimisation.
- Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse.
- Create confident, cohesive and safe communities.
- Reduce offending and re-offending.



# Annual Priorities for 2011/12

- Acquisitive crime – specifically domestic burglary and theft
- Violent crime – including domestic violence and abuse
- Alcohol treatment, delivery of alcohol strategy and drug dealing and supply
- Anti-social behaviour – including links to private rented properties and alcohol related youth ASB
- Criminal damage – specifically damage to dwellings
- Confidence and cohesion
- Prevent and reduce offending, re-offending and the risk of offending

