

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

**At**

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

**on**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Public Question Time
8. Any issues to be raised by Councillors and Resident Representatives
9. Any Other Business Agreed by the Chair

**WARDS**

Brus  
Dyke House  
Hart  
St Hilda  
Throston

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

**10 November 2010**

***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



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

**PRESENT:**

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet – Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Bob Steel

Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor Rob Cook	Hart Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	- Brus Ward
Councillor Trevor Rogan	- Brus Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Resident Representatives: John Cambridge, John Maxwell, and Joan Steel

Residents: Cath Torley, Liz Torley, Alan Vale and Dennis Wilson,

Officers: Karen Oliver, North Neighbourhood Manager  
Andrew Hughes, Community Safety Project Officer  
Nicholas Stone, Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer  
Katie Donoghue, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer  
Claire Wilson, Community Safety Officer  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Housing Hartlepool: Libby Griffiths, Alison Ramage

Fire and Rescue: Peter Bradley

Police : Inspector Mick Brown

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barclay and Resident

Representative Linda Shields and Resident John Lynch.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2010**

The minutes were confirmed as an accurate account.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

No items.

### **5. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE**

Inspector Mick Brown updated the Forum with details of District and North area performance over the last three months as well as Forcewide and Hartlepool performance for August and September 2010.

Violent crime was down by 56 crimes and this had been attributed to initiatives undertaken in relation to the night time economy.

Inspector Brown gave details of partnership working with local scrap merchants in order to combat metal theft. Drug dealers had also been targeted in the Dyke House, Grainger Street, Perth Street and Hurworth Street areas and private landlords had provided support with this. Other priorities were combating Antisocial Behaviour in the North Cemetery and the use of plain clothed officers to patrol the Dyke House and Stranton areas to deter theft and burglaries. Also mentioned was patrolling of allotments and domestic violence interventions.

He also highlighted the Art of Safety competition run in schools which was championed by the Chief Constable.

PC Terry Swales who was an experienced licensing officer had joined the Throston neighbourhood team.

A resident asked why some Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) had been moved from the neighbourhood teams into the town centre and was informed that this was in order to keep an eye on known criminals to prevent them shoplifting in the town centre, selling on the goods to buy drugs and then committing further crime elsewhere in the town. Members agreed that they felt safer in the town centre because of this.

A Members suggested that when police were responding to calls in relation to antisocial behaviour, it may be beneficial to use unmarked cars in response to prevent youths dispersing prior to arrival of officers.

A Member queried whether the recently announced government spending review would affect neighbourhood policing and was informed that Police support staff positions had recently been privatised and desk jobs undertaken by police would be undertaken by support staff, therefore freeing more officers to undertake front line duties. Concern was also expressed by a Member over the future of PCSOs and he was informed that because the Working Neighbourhoods Funding was to be scrapped, there was doubt over funding of those on temporary contracts. However, there would be at least one PCSO on each Ward. A member commented that he felt that PCSOs should be given more powers.

A Resident Representative referred to the current licensing hours and stated she felt that the Local Authority should restrict opening hours.

A Resident Representative praised initiatives at St John Vianney and

Clavering which engaged with young people.

A Resident Representative asked whether there was support for males who were experiencing domestic violence and was informed that similar support to that offered to female victims was in place.

## **6. UPDATE FROM FIRE BRIGADE**

Peter Bradley updated the meeting with figures in relation to the number of fires which had occurred in the past 6 months.

There were more F1 dwelling fires than in the previous year all cooking related, and so work was ongoing to educate people in relation to the dangers. Numbers of other types of fires had fallen and there were more home safety checks being carried out.

Fires on the Steetley site had decreased because of the security on the site. There had been a number of grass fires on West View Road but following increased vigilance by Police and Fire Officers, it had now decreased.

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 initiatives for young people in the north of the town.

Mr Bradley outlined the measures for dealing with the recent Bonfire night.

## **7. UPDATE FROM ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT**

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer provide statistics in relation to cases dealt with by the Unit and Housing Hartlepool in between July and September 2010. He advised the meeting of the forthcoming Pride in Hartlepool awards and invited nominations for community awards. He gave details of the consultation on the Social Behaviour Strategy and the Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Day planned for February. Should people wish to visit this event they need to inform the Unit in advance.

He outlined that current hotspots were Dyke House and Gray Street and the Unit was working with the Neighbourhood Police to tackle anti-social behaviour from private properties in the area with the assistance with landlords.

## **8. UPDATE FROM CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATOR**

The Community Safety Project Officer outlined initiatives which were ongoing in relation to Operation Cleansweep which had taken place in King Oswy, Miers Avenue and Dyke House. 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.

## 8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**West View Cemetery** – A resident highlighted problems with young people drinking in the cemetery. The Inspector agreed to be extra vigilant in that area.

**Headland Cemetery/Spion Kop** – A resident highlighted that although the Authority had successfully blocked access to the Steetley site, drivers of four wheel vehicles were accessing the beach via other areas. He was informed that the Neighbourhood Services Officer was aware of this problem and was therefore extremely vigilant in that area.

**Dog Banning Orders** – A resident highlighted a petition which was ongoing against the banning of dogs on the beach. He was informed that the Order had been put in place as a result of protection of the Site of Special Scientific Interest.

**CCTV cameras** - A Resident Representative expressed concern that CCTV cameras were not utilised as much as they could be and cited examples of graffiti which could have been stopped had liaison taken place with CCTV operators. Inspector Brown stated that PCSOs were present in the CCTV operating station to assist in directing cameras to appropriate sites. A Member commented that all cemeteries should have CCTV cameras and Inspector Brown confirmed that mobile cameras could also be used if necessary.

**Coast Road playing field** – A Member highlighted that youths were leaving litter after drinking from cans and bottles on the field. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to have a bin placed in this location and Inspector Brown said that officers would attend the area to encourage the young people to use the bin.

**Congestion outside St Hild's School** – Several Members expressed concern about the congestion at school pick up and dropping off times. Various suggestions were made as to how to alleviate this including an idea used in Perth. Members agreed to raise this solution at the Neighbourhood Action Plan meeting. It was clarified that the plan for the new Jesmond Road school included a road to drop off children.

The meeting concluded at 11.54 am.

CHAIR



**Hartlepool District**

**North Area Police & Community  
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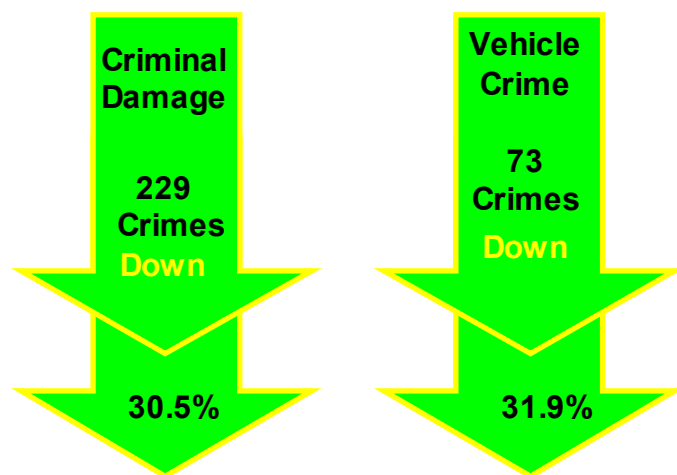
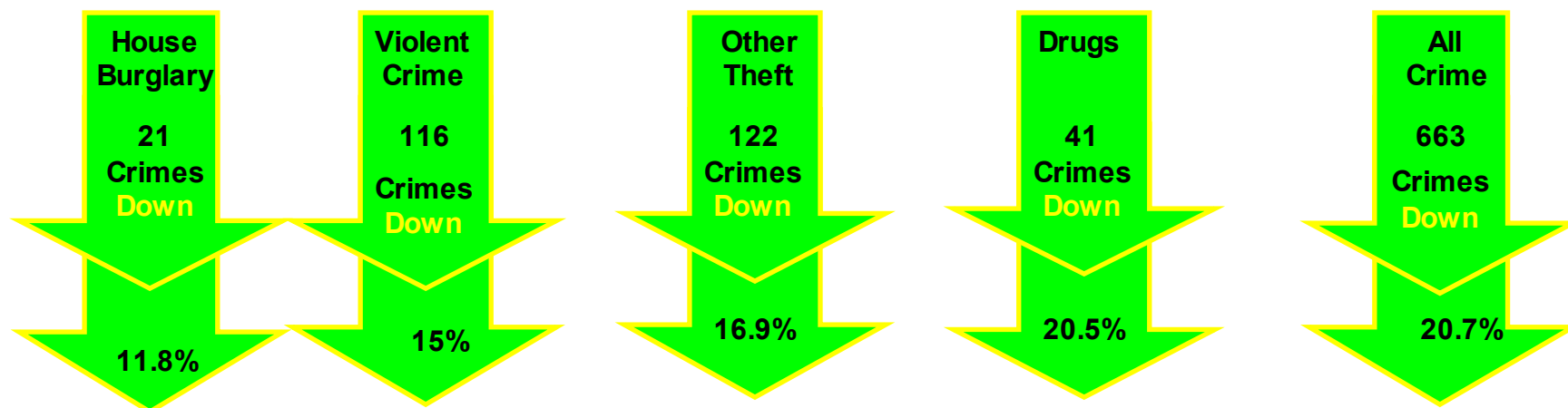
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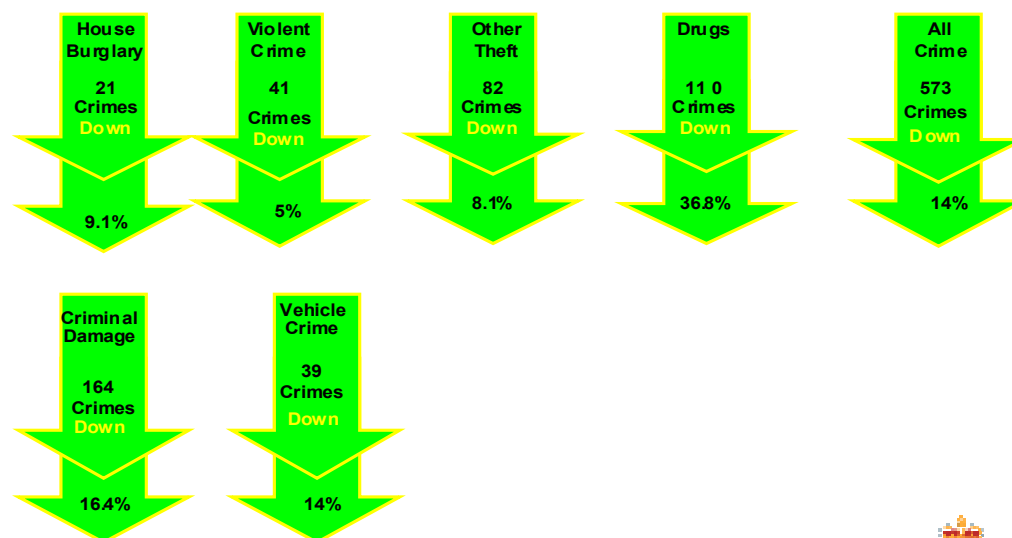
# Performance last 3 mths (North)

Activity	District	North	Prev 3mths
Arrests	1349	41	49
Cautions	86	1	2
Charged	664	18	26
Warrants (arrests)	70	3	1
AS13 (North)	264	44	95
Street Encounters	7974	553	568

## FORCEWIDE PERFORMANCE FOR DECEMBER 2010



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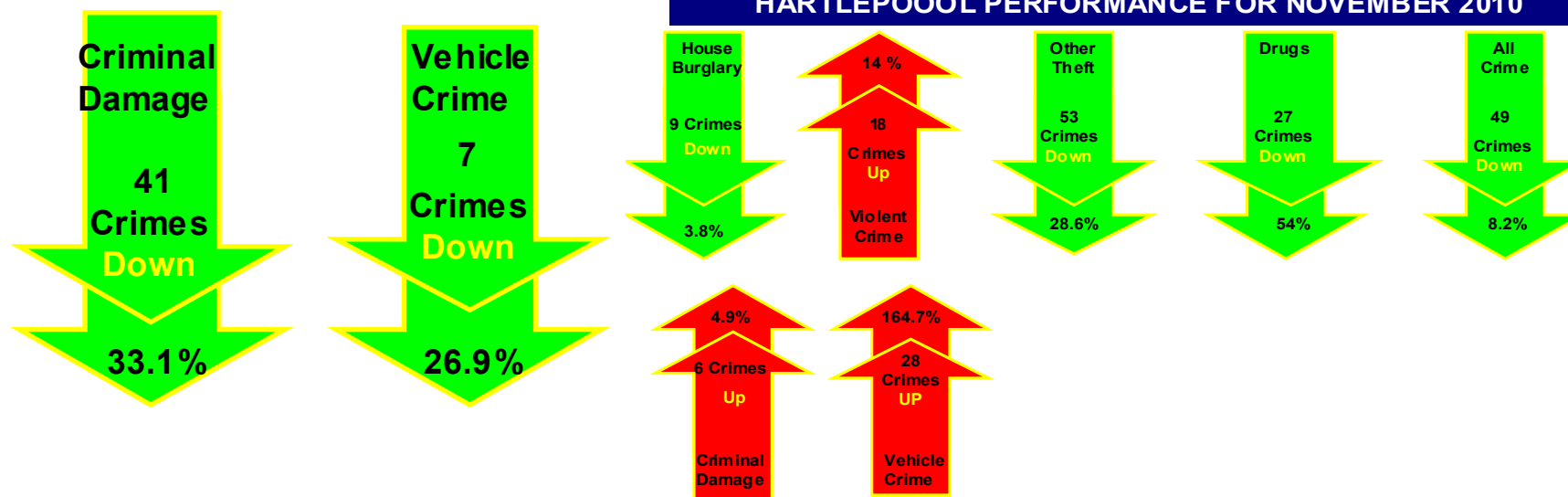




# HARTLEPOOL PERFORMANCE FOR DECEMBER 2010



# HARTLEPOOL PERFORMANCE FOR NOVEMBER 2010



# Items of Interest

- Two youths that have been causing Anti-Social Behaviour in the Headland area are being tackled by Police and ASBU with ASBO's and other control measures are being sought against them. Multi-agency meetings have been held them and strategies drawn up.
- Drug dealing and associated Anti-Social Behaviour in the Gray Street is being actively tackled. Interventions being sought are Asbo's, Crack House Closures and evictions Police and partners working with in relation with tenancy enforcement. Anti-Social Behaviour calls to this area have reduced dramatically.

# Items of Interest

- Anti-Social Behaviour calls in the North Cemetery have been reduced by half despite the recent inclement weather and resulting problems with youths throwing snowballs. (Regular patrols as highlighted by Mr Vale)
- Problems with poachers near Hartfields Home have been tackled by a joint initiative with the NPT and Firearms unit and there have been no further reports.

# Items of Interest

- Anti-Social Behaviour at King Oswy Shops was tackled by extra high visibility patrols and visits to licensed premises warning them about selling alcohol to youths. Anti-Social Behaviour calls to this area has been reduced by half over the past 6 months. Regular attendance at St Hildas School. Police working with school on an initiative to reduce this in the future.

# Items of Interest

- Absentee and rogue tenants throughout the North are being tackled and held to account for their behaviour. Police and partner agencies linking in to remind Landlords of their responsibilities. This has resulted in some evictions of problem families resulting in improved quality of life for residents.
- PCSO Gary Liddell assisted by PC Andy Plant has recently won an award for his work with Neighbourhoodies and The Police Cadets, which has been identified as best practice in Youth Diversionary Activities.

# Items of Interest

- Police praised by DV victim following new DV protocol.



# Questions?





# **Anti-social Behaviour Activity**

## **NORTH 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 with residents to discover their views on anti-social behaviour as part of the development of a new Social Behaviour Strategy
- North ASB Officer Katie Donoghue has achieved a BTEC Advanced Award in Neighbourhood Nuisance and Anti-social Behaviour Case working Practitioner Level 3



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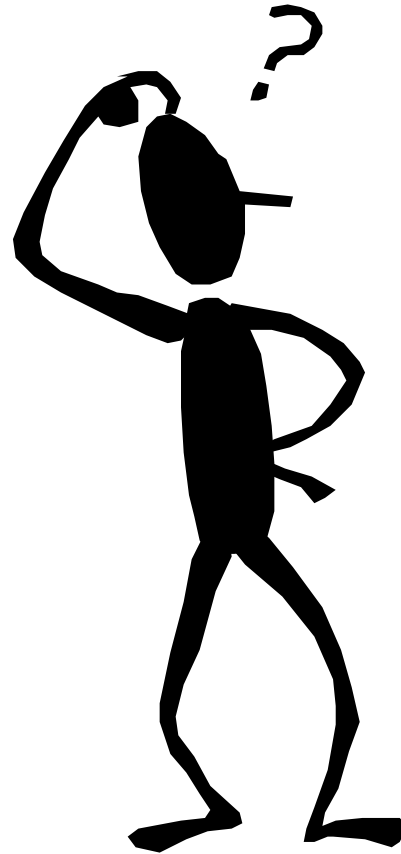
- On the Headland a leaflet drop was carried out by ASB and NPT Officers encouraging residents to report any nuisance they were experiencing due to reports of nuisance in the area
- At The Parity Centre a drop in was carried out by ASB and NPT Officers to speak to residents
- The ASBU and Home Group Housing Association have been working together to deal with anti-social behaviour by one of their tenants children – this has led to a Notice of Possession being served on their parents
- At King Oswy Shops a walkabout was carried out by ASB and NPT Officers to speak to shop owners and local residents and to provide them with ASB leaflets encouraging them to report any problems

## **Points of Interest**

- In the Dyke House area ASB and NPT Officers continue to work with 2 private landlords regarding nuisance from their tenants – this has led to both tenants being served Notice by their landlords
- There is ongoing support and intervention by the ASBU and Family Intervention Project (FIP) involving several young people in the North
- The ASBU has placed 1 young person on an Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA) regarding their behaviour
- The ASBU has provided help to several vulnerable residents in the North. This has included victim support and crime prevention assistance and the installation of covert CCTV in a residents property through Housing Hartlepool
- ASBOs continue

# Thank you for listening

## Any questions???



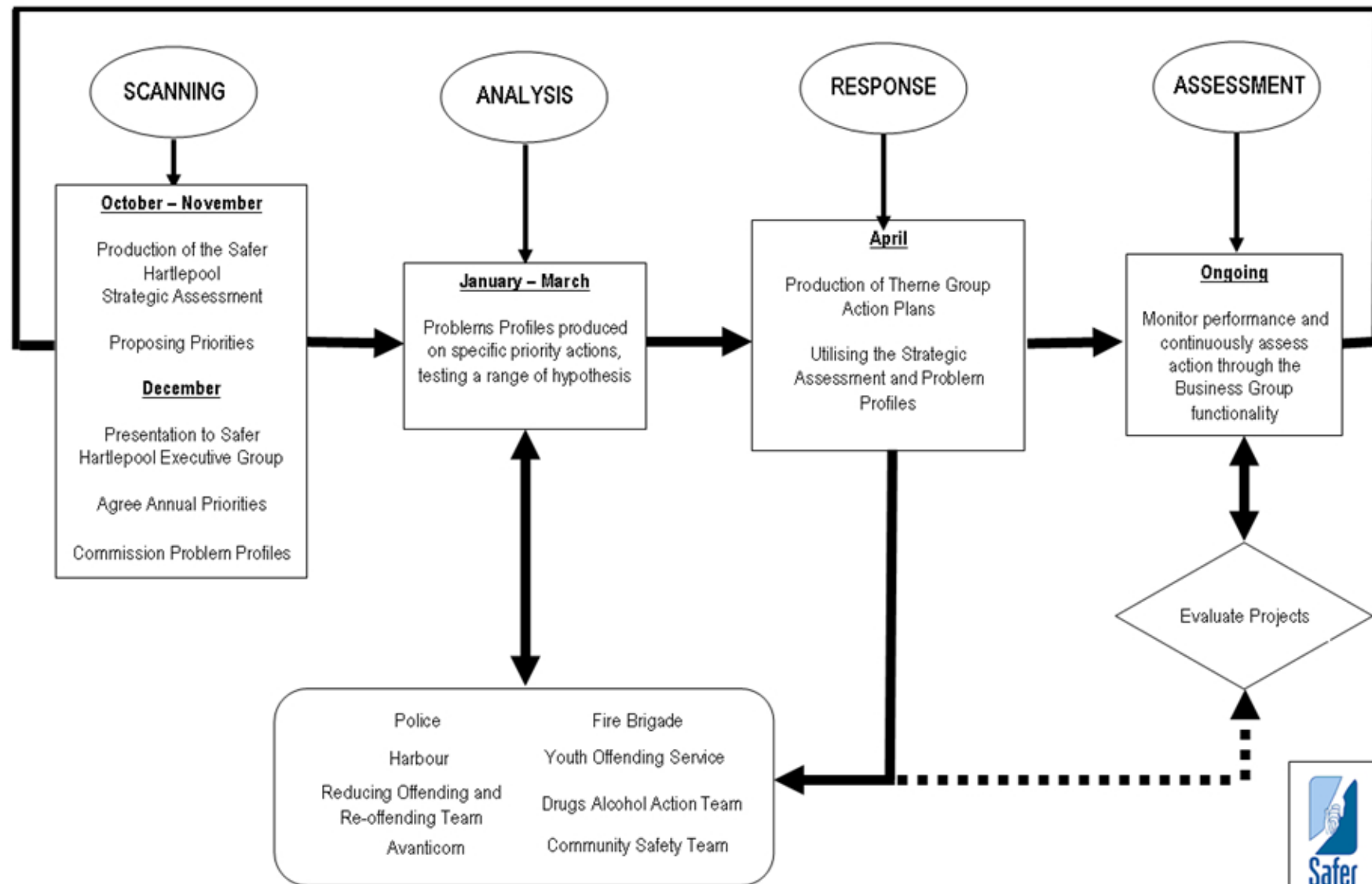
# Safer Hartlepool Partnership

**Shelley Watson**

**Community Safety Officer**



## 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

