

Have **your** say

CHESHIRE Police Authority listens to what people want from their police service. One of the ways that we do this is at meetings which we hold in your area.

Please feel free to attend any meeting in your area so that we can consult you on important policing issues, determine policing priorities and listen to your views and suggestions for improvement.

FUTURE OF MEETINGS

Future meetings would be held at 7.00pm on the following Wednesdays:-

- **8 October 2008**
Town Hall, Runcorn
- **28 January 2009**
Kingsway Learning Centre, Victoria Square, Widnes

How to get in touch Community Action Team

YOUR local Community Action Team (CAT) is available to solve problems in your neighbourhood. Leave a message on one of the following numbers and they will return your call within two days or email them at the address provided below:-

Runcorn 0845 458 6381

runcorn.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Covering Runcorn, Moore, Daresbury, Preston Brook and Sandymoor

Widnes 0845 458 6383

widnes.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Covering Widnes, Hale, Ditton and Upton

Cheshire Police Authority
www.cheshirepa.police.uk

Mission
To work in partnership with Cheshire Communities and others to build a safe, secure, and high quality of life for all in Cheshire and to ensure the highest standards of performance and professionalism in policing.

Vision
To ensure an efficient and effective police service that is built on high standards of professionalism and looks for a level of excellence and makes the citizens of Cheshire safe and secure.

Aims

- To work in addressing a community right performing force.
- To ensure arrangements to perform and continue to be improved by robust governance structures and appropriate Member support.
- To ensure senior management effective engagement with communities.
- To ensure professional working with the Community and external agencies.
- To be a visible leader in policing and community safety.

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Non-emergency calls **0845 458 0000**

Only use **999** if...

- There is danger to life
- A vehicle is used or threatened
- A serious crime is in progress or likely to occur
- A suspect is nearby
- There is a Road Traffic Collision involving personal injury or danger to others
- A vulnerable person needs urgent assistance

Cheshire **CRIMESTOPPERS**
0800 555 111



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Halton

July 2008



Have Your Say
Chairman:
Police Authority
Member
David Cargill

This newsletter gives you feedback on the 'Have Your Say' meeting on 2 July 2008 at the Kingsway Learning Centre, Widnes which was attended by 11 members of the public and local community representatives.

11 members of the public and local community representatives attended. The Authority's Chief Executive, Mark Sellwood, and Assistant Chief Constable, Garry Shewan and Superintendent Jed Manley were present to answer questions. Inspector Nadia Brew of the Widnes NPU was also in attendance.



Mr Cargill explained that the Authority was trialling afternoon 'Have Your Say' meetings to see if they gave a better opportunity for people to attend and raise issues.

Mr Cargill gave an update meeting on the Authority's budget for 2008/09 and announced that the Government had decided not to limit the budget this year, which was welcome news.

⦿ Serious and organised crime

SUPERINTENDENT Andy Marsden of the Crime Operations Department, gave a presentation on the work undertaken by the Constabulary to tackle serious and organised crime in Cheshire.

The Department has 520 officers and staff working in specialist units including intelligence, forensics investigations, Force Major Investigation Team, public protection unit and Special Branch.

The Superintendent outlined the work undertaken by the various units, and the resources involved in a covert police operation to tackle the distribution and supply of drugs in Halton and Warrington which resulted in several arrests being made. The operation involved 'high tech' surveillance equipment and relied on intelligence from the community.

The 'Prevent' initiative had been developed by the Government to counter terrorism and aimed to raise public awareness about any suspicious behaviour or individuals living outside their financial means and to provide intelligence to the police or anonymously via Crimestoppers.

Those in attendance raised a number of issues including reluctance by witnesses to report issues for fear of retaliation and the need to raise public awareness about successful arrests and convictions to reassure the local community and encourage intelligence from the public.



⦿ Policing in Halton



Superintendent
Jed Manley
Northern Area

Superintendent Manley reported on the Area's performance which had seen levels of recorded crime, violent crime, burglary and vehicle crime decrease by 6.9%, 12.7%, 10.3% and 4.1% respectively compared with the previous year.

Officers in the Neighbourhood Policing Units (NPU) had been targeting incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The NPU were supported by officers from the traffic and crime units and response teams. A dedicated Crime Scene Investigator for criminal damage had been appointed and had detected a number of incidents.



Inspector
Nadia Brew
Widnes NPU

Inspector Brew advised that the Neighbourhood Policing Unit and Targeted Patrol Teams in Widnes were focusing on incidents which impacted on the local community's quality of life, such as, the sale of alcohol to under 18's and the illegal riding of mini-motos which had resulted in a number being seized. Other crimes targeted included a spate of shed break-ins, drive offs from petrol stations and diesel thefts from garages, hoax 999 calls and incidents of anti-social behaviour.

⦿ Question Time

- Q. What was the balance between Constables and Inspectors?
- A. Superintendent Manley advised that there approximately 350 Constables and 15 Inspectors in the Northern Area. All officers worked together and to enable the most efficient and effective use of resources.
- Q. Why do the Police use sirens late at night?
- A. Superintendent Manley commented that under health and safety requirements, when officers were responding to an emergency incident they had to ensure that pedestrians and other road users were aware that they were travelling at speed. All officers undertook regular driver training and were trained to a high standard.