

# 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.

**Meetings will be held at 7pm on the following Wednesdays:-**

- **16 April 2008**  
Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham
- **16 July 2008**  
The Civic Hall, Winsford
- **1 October 2008**  
The Royal British Legion, High Street, Tarporley
- **7 January 2009**  
The Community Centre, Russet Road, Weaverham

## 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:-

**Frodsham** 0845 458 6393

[frodsham.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:frodsham.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

Covering Mickle Trafford, Frodsham, Elton, Dodleston, Higher Wyche, Tarporley

**Northwich** 0845 458 6392

[northwich.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:northwich.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

Covering Northwich, Rudheath, Witton, Weaverham, Barnton, Winnington, Castle, Leftwich, Hartford, Kingsmead

**Winsford** 0845 458 6391

[winsford.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:winsford.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

Covering Winsford, Grange, Wharton, Dean, Over, Greenfields, Swanlow, Davenham

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**Mission**  
To work in partnership with Cheshire Constabulary and others to assist with community, and public order, and substance and substance in police.

**Vision**  
To ensure an efficient and effective police service that is built on high standards of integrity and looks at levels of criminality and makes the citizens of Cheshire safe and secure.

**Aims**

- To assist in addressing a community right performing force.
- To ensure arrangements in place to ensure and continue to be improved by robust governance structures and appropriate Member support.
- To ensure senior management effective engagement with stakeholders.
- To ensure appropriate financial and resource management.
- 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
- Multiple 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



**Cheshire Police Authority**

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Vale Royal

January 2008



Have Your Say Chairman:  
Police Authority Member  
**Gretta Cousins**

This newsletter outlines the discussion at the meeting on 30 January 2008 in Northwich Memorial Hall which was attended by 37 members of the public and local community representatives.

The Authority's Chairman, Peter Nurse and Chief Executive, Mark Sellwood, the Deputy Chief Constable, Graeme Gerrard, and the Area Commander Chief Superintendent Tim Jackson were all present to answer questions.

Mrs Cousins opened the meeting by explaining the role and work of the Police Authority, encouraged those in attendance to contribute to the discussion and stressed that the Authority wanted the public to have their say on policing.

## Funding For Policing: Budget Consultation

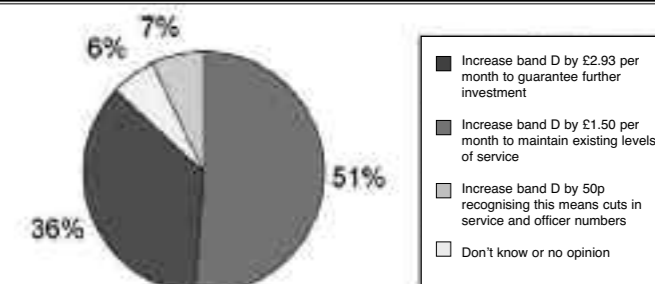
PETER Nurse discussed the Authority's budget for 2008/09 and commented that much consultation had been undertaken with the public on what police services they wished to see improved and how much extra they were willing to pay. 87% of the respondents to a poll by MORI were prepared to pay an extra £1.50 or more per month.

### Public opinion

MORI asked 2,400 people – 300 in each borough area – for their views on policing.

79% confirmed that Cheshire Police are currently doing a good or very good job BUT people wanted to see more investment in policing and their priorities are detailed in the table opposite.

On average, people thought 20% of their council tax was spent on policing rather than the 8-9% that the police precept accounts for.



During the last cycle of Forums over half the people who completed a questionnaire supported an extra £2.93 a month or more.

Mr Nurse reminded those present that the police council tax in Cheshire, Halton and Warrington was the lowest of all shire forces and the third lowest in England and Wales. The Authority was considering an increase in council tax of up to 28%, which would mean an average property (Band D) paying £2.93 more per month for policing. This investment would enable the police to further improve police response to incidents, provide more officers on the streets, tackle more serious and organised crime, increased monitoring of sex offenders, greater support for victims and

witnesses; deal faster with people in custody; and continue to provide better customer services whilst reducing crime levels.

The Government was to increase its funding for Cheshire Police by 2.5% - one of the lowest increases in the country – which will not provide enough money to maintain services or allow the investment to deliver the improvements the public want. The Government have also advised police authorities not to set excessive council tax increases or they may intervene.

Those in attendance discussed the budget position and enquired about the capping levels applied by the Government, to which the Chairman responded.

## 🎯 Policing Objectives 2008/09

THE Chief Executive reported that following public consultation a series of proposed objectives had been developed for the Chief Constable to focus on in 2008/09 which included:-

Crime reduction to make communities safer; working with partners to tackle anti-social behaviour and reduce the fear and annoyance caused by alcohol and drug related disorder; community policing to increase public confidence and satisfaction; working with criminal justice partners to bring more offenders to justice; work locally, regionally and nationally to help tackle organised and serious crime; and improve productivity and efficiency to enable the police to become more outcome focused, adding value to front line policing and providing the best possible service and value for money.



## 🎯 The role of Police Community Support Officers



PCSOs Angela Richardson and Karen Nixon discussed their role and the work they undertook in the area which included high-visibility patrol; visiting schools; working with young people; providing reassurance to victims of crime and the local community; and targeting low level crime and anti-social behaviour. He also attended Community Action Meetings (CAMs) which enabled the public to raise issues of local concern with the police.

Positive comments were received from those in attendance about the service PCSOs provided and the difference they had made in their communities.

A summary of a review by the Police Authority of the work undertaken by PCSOs was circulated.

## 🎯 'Police Forums' Review: Feedback

THE Chief Executive circulated a report on the results of the review of Police Forums undertaken in 2007 which many attendees had participated in.

The report detailed the changes and improvements being made to the Forums which included raising public awareness; changing the name to 'Have Your Say' meetings; focusing on more interaction with the public; new venues; varying start times and improved audio equipment.



## 🎯 Policing in Vale Royal



Chief Superintendent **Tim Jackson**, Area Commander

Chief Superintendent Jackson gave an update on performance, in particular the reduction in recorded crime, burglary, violent crime and vehicle crime and some local incidents of note.



Inspector **Pete Minghella**, Northwich NPU

Inspector Minghella commented on the work of the NPU and local PCSOs in securing four ASBOs on individuals from Lostock and Weaverham for anti-social behaviour and youth nuisance incidents in the town centre.



Inspector **Ian Gallagher**, Winsford NPU

Inspector Gallagher discussed the activities of the PCSOs in Winsford to target graffiti and developing diversionary activities for young people; and the successful closure of a cannabis factory.



Inspector **Phil Hodgson**, Rural NPU

Inspector Hodgson commented on several initiatives in the rural area which included improving road safety for school children on cycles and other road users; the introduction of a 'No cold calling' zone in Cuddington; and reported on several joint initiatives undertaken with the Probation Service monitoring offenders undertaking community work including a litter pick in Helsby.

## 🎯 Question Time

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| <b>Q.</b> Issues were raised about incidents where the offender had been arrested the day before.  | <b>A.</b> Inspector Minghella reported that a civil ASBO was a long process which involved community evidence gathering, however, a criminal one, known as a CRASBO is quicker to impose due to it being part of the criminal sanction imposed by the Courts. The Chief Superintendent added that he had to balance how ASBOs were used. |
| <b>A.</b> The Chairman advised that the matter could not be discussed in a public meeting and asked the questioner to speak to Inspector Minghella after the meeting.                  |  |
| <b>Q.</b> What was the police's view of introducing a drinking ban in the streets in Northwich?  | <b>Q.</b> Will the restructuring of local government in Cheshire impact on policing?   |
| <b>A.</b> Inspector Minghella advised that work was currently in progress by the Borough Council to develop this and that if introduced, it would assist in the policing of Northwich. | <b>A.</b> Mr Nurse advised that it would not affect policing. The creation of the new Cheshire local authority would be on the same boundary as the Western policing area.   |
| <b>Q.</b> How long does it take to process an application for an ASBO?   |  |