

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 7.00pm on the following Thursdays:

- **17 April 2008**
Municipal Buildings, Crewe
- **10 July 2008**
Civic Hall, Nantwich
- **23 October 2008**
Municipal Buildings, Crewe
- **22 January 2009**
Civic Hall, Nantwich

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:-

Crewe 0845 458 6370

crewe.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Covering Crewe, Haslington, Coppenhall, Leighton, Sydney, Wistaston, Shavington.

Nantwich 0845 458 6378

nantwich.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Covering Nantwich, Willaston, Stapeley, Audlem, Bunbury.

Cheshire Police Authority
www.cheshirepa.police.uk

Mission
To work in partnership with Cheshire County Council 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 to perform and service are underpinned by robust governance structures and appropriate Member support.
- To ensure service users have effective engagement with capabilities.
- To ensure partnership working with the County Council and others.
- 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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Crewe & Nantwich

January 2008



Have Your Say Chairman:
Police Authority Member
Peter Nurse

This newsletter gives you feedback after the Crewe and Nantwich 'Have Your Say' meeting on 10 January 2008 in the Civic Hall, Nantwich. 39 members of the public and local community representatives attended the meeting.

The Authority's Chief Executive, Mark Sellwood and the Area Commander, Acting Chief Superintendent John Armstrong were present to answer questions along with the NPU Inspectors for Crewe and Nantwich.

The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining the role and work of the Police Authority and encouraging those in attendance to contribute to the discussion about policing in the area. The Chairman stressed that the Authority wanted the public to have their say on policing and that action would be taken on issues raised.

Funding For Policing: Budget Consultation

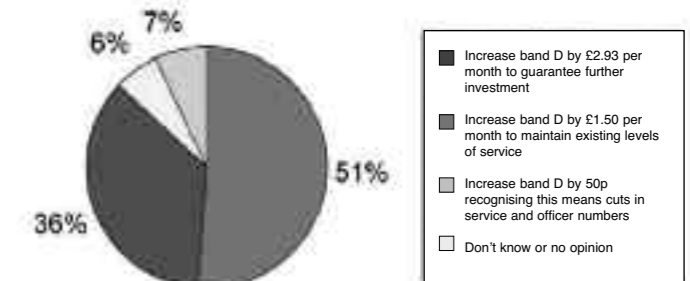
PETER Nurse discussed the Authority's budget for 2008/09 and commented that much consultation had been undertaken with the public on what police services they wished to see improved and how much extra they were willing to pay. 87% of the respondents to a poll by MORI were prepared to pay an extra £1.50 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 impact of local government re-organisation on the police budget. The Chairman advised that this would not affect the police council tax. A number of comments were made about the cost of policing cross-border and terrorist incidents and the need for the Government to compensate police authorities; and the need for effective sanctions from the courts.

🎯 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 Nick Jarvis and Sharon Jones discussed their roles and the work they undertook in their respective areas in Crewe and Nantwich, which involved high-visibility patrol; assisting in road safety initiatives and establishing 'Community Speedwatch' schemes; providing reassurance to the local community; and targeting low level crime and anti-social behaviour issues. They also attended Community Action Meetings (CAMs) which enabled the public to raise issues of local concern with the police.

Those in attendance raised a number of questions including targeting drug misuse in the area; whether the limited powers impacted on their role; the public's view of the role of PCSOs; and whether they were trained to save lives.

A summary of a review 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.



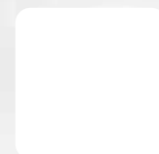
🎯 Policing in Crewe & Nantwich



Acting Chief Superintendent **John Armstrong**
Area Commander

Acting Chief Superintendent Armstrong gave an overview of policing undertaken in Crewe and Nantwich which included the work with partners to provide youth diversionary activities to reduce anti-social behaviour and youth nuisance; the use of specialist units to target terrorism, sex offenders and major crime; and how the 500+ officers within the Eastern Area were prioritised to tackle crime.

Details of crime levels and performance in relation to recorded crime, burglary, violent crime and vehicle crime in the Crewe and Nantwich areas were circulated along with local incidents of note.



Inspector **Bob Hassall**
Nantwich NPU

The new Inspector appointed to the Nantwich NPU reported that high visibility patrols, working with licensees and robustly targeting incidents during the Christmas period had resulted in a reduction in alcohol related anti-social and violent incidents.

🎯 Question Time

Appreciation was expressed to Inspector Hassall for addressing and resolving a problem of youth nuisance in The Gables, Nantwich.

lights would be considered where appropriate.

Q. Concern was expressed about the phasing of the traffic lights at the junction near Stapley Water Gardens, Nantwich.

A. Chief Superintendent Armstrong agreed to notify the Highways Authority.

Q. Why was there no police attendance to a home alarm?

A. Chief Superintendent Armstrong advised that due to the number of false alarms, national guidance was issued in 1995 regarding the deployment of police officers to alarms. Officers would attend if the householder was known to be vulnerable or it was thought the intruder was still on the premises.

Q. What was the policy regarding the use of sirens at night?

A. Chief Superintendent Armstrong advised that under Health & Safety legislation, when an officer responds to a Grade 1 incident (emergency) and is travelling at speed, the emergency equipment available (sirens and blue lights) must be used to warn all road users and pedestrians. The use of just blue

Q. What time would the Police like licensed premises to close?

A. Chief Superintendent Armstrong reported that some pubs within the area needed to close earlier, however on the whole most operated successfully. He added that with partner agencies much work was undertaken to identify and target problems before they escalated into anti-social behaviour and violence, with raised awareness, speaking with licensees and training of door staff to maintain standards.

Q. Due to the rising cost of police pensions, should the Government introduce a funded scheme?

A. Mr Nurse advised that two years ago the Government had implemented changes to the pension scheme, including funding and new recruits having to work 35 years.

Congratulations was expressed to Sergeant Brian Hughes who had received the National Justice Award for "outstanding commitment to diversity" for his work with the Polish community in Crewe.