

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 Meetings

Future meetings will be held at 7pm on the following Wednesdays:-

- **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

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

Northwich 0845 458 6392

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

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

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www.cheshirepa.police.uk

Mission

To work in partnership with Cheshire Constabulary and officers to create safer communities, and increase confidence and satisfaction in policing

Vision

To ensure an efficient and effective police service, that is built on neighbourhood policing and tackles all levels of criminality, and makes the citizens of Cheshire safe and well served

Aims

- To assist in achieving a consistently high performing force
- To ensure improvements in performance and service, underpinned by robust governance structures and appropriate Member support
- To provide better and more effective engagement with stakeholders
- To increase partnership working both with the Constabulary and externally
- To be a community leader in policing and community safety

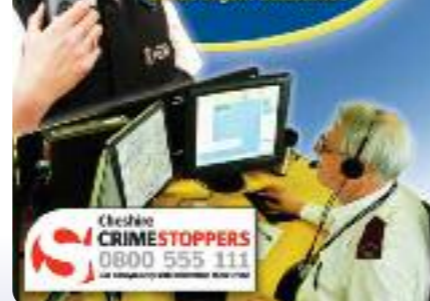


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Non-emergency calls **0845 458 0000**

Only use **999** if...

- There is danger to life
- Violence is used or threatened
- 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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Vale Royal

April 2008



Have Your Say Chairman:
Police Authority Member
Gretta Cousins

This newsletter outlines the discussion at the meeting on 16 April 2008 in Frodsham Community Centre which was attended by 20 members of the public and local community representatives.

The Authority's Chief Executive, Mark Sellwood, the Constabulary's Assistant Chief Officer, Brian Simmons, Chief Superintendent Tim Jackson, Area Commander and Superintendent Paul McHugh were all present to answer questions. The three NPU Inspectors for the Northwich, Winsford and rural areas were also in attendance.

Mrs Cousins opened the meeting by giving an update on the Authority's budget for 2008/09 and thanked those who had participated in the consultation process which had shown strong support for an increase in council tax to invest in policing.

The Authority had increased council tax by 17% (£1.64 extra per month on a band D property) which will enable the police to improve neighbourhood policing; tackle more serious and organised crime; provide better support to victims of crime and witnesses; and customer service.

The Government had indicated it may take action against the Authority for the increase. The Authority would be meeting Ministers to explain its case and the need to improve investment to make people safer.



Terrorism

DETECTIVE Chief Inspector Paul Taylor, Head of Special Branch, gave a presentation on the role and work undertaken by the Branch to counter terrorism and domestic extremism across Cheshire.

Outlined was the national threat levels which ranged from low to critical – the current level is severe which is defined as an attack is highly likely.



The links and consequences of national incidents such as the London and Glasgow bombings, to Cheshire were discussed which included increased costs associated with additional high-visible patrols and support to the forces in the affected areas.



Potential terrorist indicators were discussed, for example people videoing or photographing security arrangements at venues such as train stations, airports or crowded places.



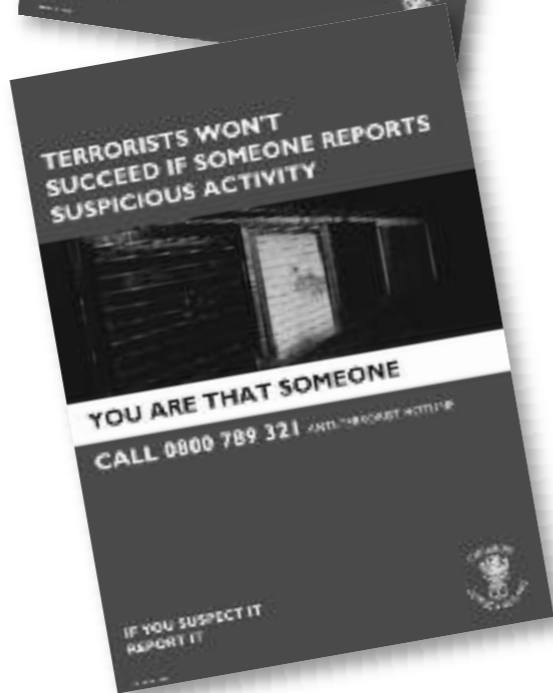
Communities were asked to remain vigilant to people who may be visiting terrorist related internet sites, people who were using false travel documents or suspicious people renting lock up garages or self storage facilities.

The public were urged to report any suspicious activity that they observe to:-

**Cheshire Constabulary's Special Branch:
01244 612123**

or

**Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline:
0800 789 321**



Policing in Vale Royal



Chief Superintendent **Tim Jackson**, Area Commander

Chief Superintendent Jackson introduced the officers present and reported on a number of personnel changes in the Western Area. The meeting received performance data for recorded crime, burglary, violent crime and vehicle crime for the Vale Royal area and local incidents of note.



Inspector **Phil Hodgson**, Rural NPU

Inspector Hodgson commented on several initiatives in the rural area which included the arrest and imprisonment of three local persistent and prolific offenders for offences including burglary, anti-social behaviour and alcohol related violence; working with young people and encouraging their attendance on an Army Insight programme.



Inspector **Pete Minghella**, Northwich NPU

Inspector Minghella commented on the work being undertaken with other partners to tackle the anti-social use of mini-motorbikes; and the development of a diversionary activity - 'Frenzy' nightclub experience in the Northwich area, which was aimed at young people and had been very successful in Winsford.



Inspector **Ian Gallagher**, Winsford NPU

Inspector Gallagher discussed the activities undertaken in Winsford, including the arrest and imprisonment of two local persistent and prolific offenders for a various offences; targeting anti-social behaviour; the closure of a public house for breach of its licence following a series of warnings; and working with a large local retailer to tackle the sale of alcohol to under 18s.

Question Time

A comment by a Vale Royal Borough Councillor that if the Government chose to cap the Police Authority's budget that the cost of subsequent re-billing by local authorities would outweigh any savings.

Q. What was the police's view about the Challenge 25 scheme being introduced?

A. Inspector Hodgson advised and that he had spoken to the local MP about introducing the scheme here and that all ASDA stores had already adopted the approach in relation to the sale of alcohol.

A comment from a representative of the local Community Safety Action Group that the Group had achieved its aim – to reduce people's perception and fear of crime and appreciation was expressed to Inspector Hodgson and his team for their support.

Q. Appreciation was expressed for the regular communications sent to Homewatch co-ordinators and an enquiry into whether certain information relating to crimes could be circulated quicker?

A. The Chief Superintendent commented that it was not always relevant for all incidents to be circulated to the public and that information was circulated as soon as possible. A new database and a Key Information Network was being developed to get important messages to the community as fast as possible.

Q. What action was being taken to target violence and

vehicle crime in Frodsham and an update on the installation of CCTV?

A. Chief Superintendent Jackson reported that much of the crime was committed from people outside the town and that three proactive teams of officers focused on vehicle crime and burglary. The Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system also operated throughout the Western Area and did target travelling criminals. Ewan McHenry of Vale Royal Borough Council reported that a Sergeant had been seconded to develop a strategy for the proposed installation of CCTV in Frodsham. The strategy would identify issues relating to the siting of cameras; and what and how the information would be used.

Q. Why was the Authority replacing the force aircraft with a helicopter?

A. The Chief Executive advised that the current aircraft would reach the end of its operational life in 2010 and must be replaced to ensure Cheshire received essential police air support. The Chief Constable had studied the benefits of a helicopter against a new fixed aircraft and had demonstrated savings in maintenance, etc, the operational benefits, and the opportunity for reduced costs and greater cover by working in collaboration with neighbouring forces. A bid had been submitted to the Home Office for funding and savings were to be identified over the next three years to meet the Authority's contribution to the cost.