

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 Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm at the Civic Hall, Nantwich on :

- Thursday 22 January 2009

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.

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www.cheshirepa.police.uk

Mission
To work in partnership with Cheshire Constabulary and others 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 feel safer

Aims

- To assist in achieving a consistently high performing force
- To ensure improvements in performance and scrutiny, underpinned by robust governance structures and appropriate Member support
- To provide better and more effective engagement with stakeholders
- To improve 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
- 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
Call anonymously with information about crime



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Crewe & Nantwich



Have Your Say Chairman:
Police Authority Member
Peter Nurse

October 2008

THIS newsletter outlines the discussion at the meeting on 23 October 2008 in the Municipal Buildings, Crewe attended by 20 members of the public and local community representatives.

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

Chairman's Introduction

THE Chairman advised that the Authority had appointed David Whatton as the new Chief Constable with effect from 1 December 2008. Mr Whatton was the Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police.

Priorities for Policing

SUE Proctor, one of the Authority's lead members for engagement gave a presentation on the process for setting the Constabulary's objectives for 2009/10 and explained that one of the key roles of the Police Authority was to consult widely with the public on their priorities for policing. The Authority would then balance what the public told us with the targets set by the Government and our own policing intelligence to set the objectives for the Chief Constable.

Last year, the Authority had consulted with more than 3,000 people on policing priorities, who had identified that their key concerns for policing were:- responding to emergency calls; detecting crime and arresting offenders; tackling domestic abuse and child abuse; tackling organised crime and terrorism; and targeting drug dealers.

Outlining the Constabulary's current performance, Mrs Proctor explained that of the 3,000 emergency calls per week, 93% were answered within 10 seconds. In addition, the force handled 8,000 non-emergency calls a week, and over the last year had made 27,906 arrests, 5,000 more than the previous year. All this had been achieved against a backdrop of a 10% reduction in crime, a 14% fall in criminal damage and an increase in the satisfaction level in policing to 83%.

Mrs Proctor explained that following extensive consultation last year, the Authority, with support from the public, raised the policing element of the council tax precept by 17%, which had enabled the Authority to

make significant investments in tackling high tech crime; the monitoring of sex offenders; the introduction of customer service desks which were helping keep the public updated on progress with the incidents reported by them; and in serious and organised crime. The Government has now told the Authority, however, that for the next two years it will only be able to raise the precept by 3% (just under 8p per week) and therefore finances in the coming year will be difficult.

Those in attendance were urged to complete a questionnaire on policing priorities. Questionnaires had been posted to those people on the mailing list for 'Have Your Say' meetings, and further copies were available at the meeting. Touch screen surveys were also available at a number of post offices and the questionnaires could be completed on the Authority's website:- www.cheshirepa.police.uk. The closing date for receipt of the questionnaires was 14 November and the outcome of the process would be reported to the next meeting.

Volunteering opportunities with the police

SPECIAL Chief Inspector Brian Woodward spoke about his role and responsibilities as being one of the 45 Special Constabulary officers in Crewe and Nantwich.

He advised that following a structured 18 month training course, special constables had the same power as regular officers, and were an integral part of neighbourhood policing, providing a valuable resource in policing major events without the need for regular officers to be abstracted from their usual duties.

Special Superintendent Mark Cotton emphasised that community volunteering was not limited to the special constabulary but included roles such as providing administrative and IT support, and participating in the 'Community Speedwatch' initiative.



Could you Volunteer?

They have!

- To get involved in neighbourhood policing* — Adam Langley
- To improve my confidence and enhance my CV in readiness for returning to full time work* — Sharon Cobb
- To learn new skills, meet new people and be part of a team* — Lisa Jones

If you think you have got what it takes, contact:
Cheshire Constabulary Volunteers Co-ordinator
01244 61 5900
www.cheshire.police.uk



Anyone interested in volunteering in the police services should contact Tina Shelton, Volunteers Manager on 01244 614026.

Policing in Crewe and Nantwich



Superintendent John Armstrong

SUPERINTENDENT Armstrong gave an overview of policing in the Eastern Area which included details of the successful arrest of 5 males for an attempted armed robbery in Nantwich town centre; the investigation into the road traffic collision on the M6 which resulted in 6 fatalities; targeting cross border criminality; and the proactive work being undertaken to detect burglary.

Details were circulated of local incidents of note and the level of recorded crime, violent crime, vehicle crime and criminal damage for Crewe and Nantwich had decreased by 2%, 3%, 27% and 4% respectively compared with the same period in the previous year. Domestic burglary had increased by 3% over the period.

Inspector Hassall and Inspector Watkins were also in attendance to answer questions in relation to the policing of the Crewe and Nantwich NPUs.

Question Time

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| <p>Q. Concern about the lack of incident numbers being issued to an individual reporting three separate assaults.</p> <p>A. Superintendent Armstrong agreed to speak to the questioner after the meeting.
<i>[Post meeting note: The Nantwich NPU Inspector is personally dealing with this matter and has advised the person raising the issue on options for progressing this matter.]</i></p> <p>Q. What priority do the Police give to targeting speeding motorists on Nantwich Road, Crewe and cyclist riding on pavements?</p> <p>A. The Superintendent advised that officers worked hard to improve road safety and undertook regular campaigns with partner agencies to reduce fatalities. Inspector Watkins added that PCSOs do regularly issue fixed penalty notices for a variety of traffic offences.</p> <p>Q. Are the Police aware of the sale of knives at car boot sales?</p> <p>A. Superintendent Armstrong advised that officers did patrol car boot sales in the area.</p> <p>Q. Can the PCSOs in Shavington work beyond 10.00pm?</p> <p>A. The Superintendent commented that the police tried to use PCSOs in the most productive way and had to ensure that they did not take on the responsibilities of police</p> | <p>officers. The Inspector would discuss the issues with the questioner after the meeting.</p> <p>Q. Concern was expressed about the creation of a six pitch traveller site in Stapeley despite the planning application being refused.</p> <p>A. The Superintendent agreed to investigate and report back to the questioner.
<i>[Post meeting note: This planning matter is being dealt with by the Borough Solicitor and local police will continue to advise of any implications for crime or disorder issues.]</i></p> <p>The following traffic related issues were raised, which the Superintendent agreed to notify the local highways authority, where appropriate:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the phasing of the traffic lights on Gresty Road/Nantwich Road; ● the marking of white lines on the pavement in Wistaston near the Tesco store; ● the parking of a large vehicle on the verge at the Wistaston Road junction, obscuring motorists view; ● the indiscriminate parking of vehicles on the highway in the vicinity of the College in the Kingsway area caused by the reduction in car parking. |
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