

# 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.

## Programme of Meetings 2009/10

Future meetings will be held at 7.00pm at the Gateway Centre, Sankey Street, Warrington on:-

- **Thursday 14 May 2009**
- **Thursday 17 September 2009**
- **Thursday 28 January 2010**

## 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:-

**Warrington Central** 0845 458 6379

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

Covering Town Centre, Bewsey, Fairfield, Howley and Whitecross.

**Warrington East** 0845 458 6390

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

Covering Culcheth, Glazebury, Croft, Birchwood, Poulton North/South, Rixton and Woolston.

**Warrington South** 0845 458 6372

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

Covering Appleton, Grappenhall, Hatton, Latchford, Lymm, Stretton, Stockton Heath, Thelwall, Walton and Westy.

**Warrington West** 0845 458 6385

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

Covering Burtonwood and Winwick, Westbrook, Whittle Hall, Great Sankey North, Great Sankey South, Penketh.

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**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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## Warrington

January 2009



Brian Maher  
'Have Your Say'  
Chairman

THIS newsletter outlines the discussion at the meeting on 6 January 2009 in the Gateway Centre, Warrington attended by 24 members of the public, press and local community representatives.

The Authority's Chairman, Peter Nurse and Chief Executive, Mark Sellwood together with Superintendent Craig Guildford and Chief Inspector Jon Ward were present to answer questions. Also present was Diana Terris, the Borough Council's Chief Executive.

## Face the People



DIANA Terris, as Chairman of the Warrington Community Safety Partnership, gave a presentation on the outcome of the strategic assessment undertaken by the Partnership and the priorities they will tackle from April 2009.

Doug Ryan, the Partnership Co-ordinator discussed the work of the Partnership which involved the Borough Council and the Police working with the local community, local agencies and businesses to tackle problems of community safety, crime and disorder. The Partnership was formed to co-ordinate the efforts of the partners in addressing local issues in order to make Warrington a safer place.

Following the strategic assessment, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage had been identified as the top priorities by those consulted. Mr Ryan outlined the various measures to target these which included the installation of additional CCTV cameras; bans on alcohol consumption outside in designated places; the purchase of alcohol testing kits; and the 'Look of the Borough' initiative which aimed to improve community safety by tackling environmental issues such as poor street lighting and overgrown hedges. Ms Terris reported on the commitment of the Partnership to improve community safety within the town centre by targeting binge drinking.



## ● Policing Priorities

THE Police Authority's Chief Executive, Mark Sellwood announced the results of the recent public survey about the priorities for policing in 2009/10. There had been presentations at 'Have Your Say' meetings, a survey on the Authority's website; a conference for young people, and questionnaires to partners, community groups and the Citizen's Panel; with touch screen surveys in 19 Post Offices throughout Cheshire.

The top priorities for policing, identified by the 2500 respondents to the survey, included responding to emergency calls; targeting organised crime and terrorism; targeting drug dealers; tackling domestic and child abuse; detecting crime and arresting offenders; and protecting witnesses. The survey also revealed that 67% of people felt that Cheshire Constabulary do an excellent or good job.

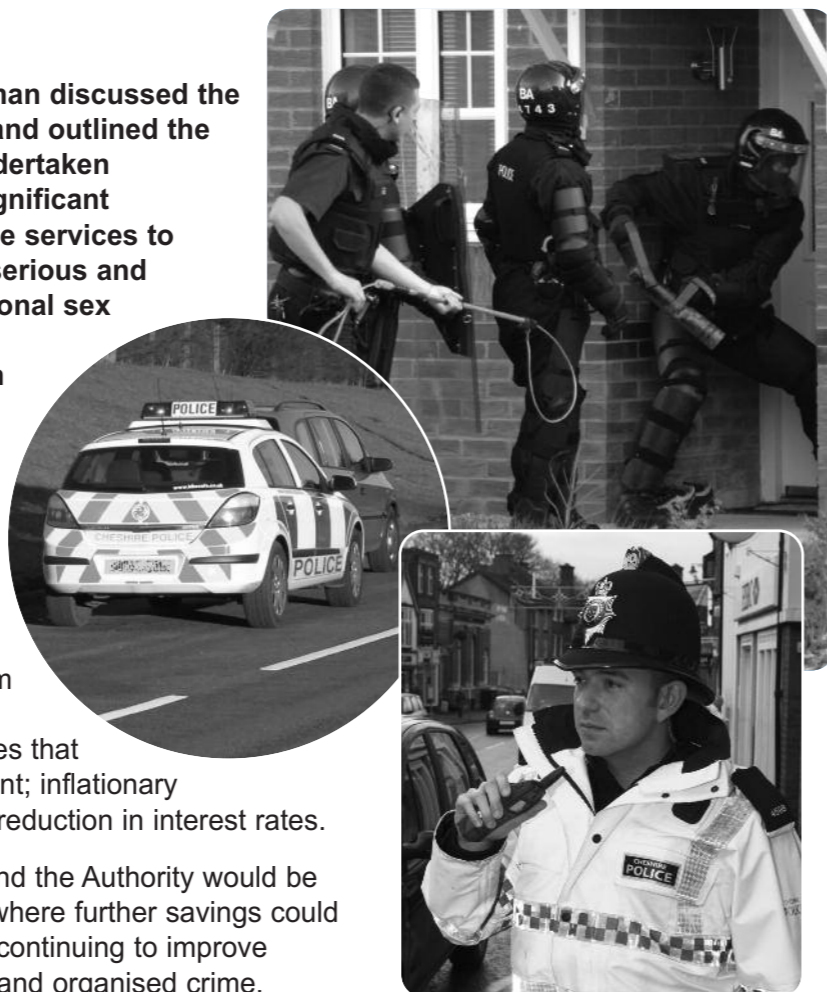
The Authority would now use the results to set the policing objectives for the new Chief Constable, David Whatton.

## ● Police Budget

PETER Nurse, the Police Authority Chairman discussed the Authority's proposed budget for 2009/10 and outlined the extensive consultation with the public undertaken last year. Mr Nurse commented on the significant investment that had been made in frontline services to protect the people of Cheshire, to tackle serious and organised crime, the recruitment of additional sex offender liaison officers; increased roads policing, and improved witness protection and care. The investment had been possible due to the public support for an increase of 38p per week in council tax for a Band D property last year.

It was reported that for 2009/10, the Government had increased the grant for policing by 2.5% and limited Cheshire Police Authority's council tax increase to a maximum of 3% - an extra 8p per week on a Band D household. Mr Nurse discussed the pressures that faced the Authority's finances; the limited grant; inflationary issues; the credit crunch; and the significant reduction in interest rates.

Almost £2m of savings had been identified and the Authority would be working with the Chief Constable to identify where further savings could be made whilst protecting frontline services, continuing to improve neighbourhood policing and tackling serious and organised crime.



## ● Policing Pledge

THE Chief Executive announced that Cheshire Constabulary and Police Authority had adopted the Policing Pledge as set out by the Home Secretary. The Pledge set the standards of service the public can expect from the police and included response times, feedback to victims and witnesses of crime, contact details for local police officers.

A copy of the Policing Pledge can be viewed on the Authority's website – [www.cheshirepa.police.uk](http://www.cheshirepa.police.uk)

## ● Policing in Warrington



Superintendent Craig Guildford

**SUPERINTENDENT Guildford discussed the Area's performance which had seen reductions of 8%, 2%, 10%, 19% and 17% in all crime, domestic burglary, violent crime, vehicle crime and criminal damage respectively compared with the same period last year. Details were also circulated of recent operations and local incidents of note.**

The Superintendent discussed the policing of the town centre and urban areas and the significant reduction in incidents of anti-social behaviour and violent crime, which was attributable to the issuing of Section 27 notices (the banning of individuals from a designated area) such as the town centre; additional high visibility patrols had resulted in a reduction in anti-social behaviour around Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night; and a number of successes as a result of the use of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system to identify criminals travelling in the area.

## ● Question Time

- Q.** How many of the individuals issued with a Section 27 notice re-offended?
- A.** The Superintendent reported that very few re-offended and that they were more successful when issued earlier in the evening.
- Q.** The current excellent performance was welcomed but where were the challenges and areas of poorer performance?
- A.** The Superintendent noted the comments and stressed that many challenges remained, in particular maintaining the current crime reduction performance and improving the levels of satisfaction from the public.
- Q.** How many of the individuals issued with a Section 27 notice re-offended?
- A.** The Superintendent asked the questioner to speak to him after the meeting.
- Q.** With regard to the budget, would pensions be affected by the credit crunch and investment decisions?
- A.** The Chairman advised that police officers pensions were Government funded and were not subject to local investments, although police staff pensions could be affected as they were part of the Superannuation Fund managed by Cheshire County Council.
- Q.** The Authority should consider further consultation events with older peoples' groups.
- A.** The Chief Executive agreed to consider the request and commented that the Authority and the Partnership held periodic focus groups with older people and actively encouraged their attendance at consultation events.
- Q.** Concern about the lack of response from a PCSO to a reported youth nuisance incident.

Appreciation was expressed to the local police for the encouraging performance figures and the development of community initiatives for young people – the vast majority of whom make a positive contribution to the community.