

## **BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FROM:** Head of Community Development

**REPORT NUMBER:** **K25**

**TO:** **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
(COMMUNITY SERVICES) COMMITTEE**

**DATE OF MEETING:** 25 May 2010

### **BABERGH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REVIEW**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To detail the work of a key partnership for the Council, the Babergh Community Safety Partnership. This report concerns the activities of the partnership for 2009/10 along with details of reported crime levels in comparison to the previous year.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the content of the report be noted.

The Committee is able to resolve this matter

#### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications associated with the content of this report.

#### **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 The nature of this report is such that a risk assessment is not required as the committee is not being asked to make a decision or agree any recommendations.

#### **5. KEY INFORMATION**

##### **The Community Safety Partnership**

- 5.1 Crime and disorder reduction partnerships (referred to in Suffolk as Community Safety Partnerships) were formed by Local Authorities following the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Nationally structures vary, but in Suffolk all the local authorities at district/borough level have adopted similar models. There is a Responsible Authorities Group (RAG), which principally has a strategic remit and in Babergh is chaired by Nick Ridley (Chairman of Strategy Committee) with Martyn Booth, member for Sudbury South, as Vice-Chair for 2009/10; In the coming year Cllr. Ridley remains Chair and the Vice-Chair will be Cllr Jenny Antill. In addition there is an Officer Working Group (OWG), chaired by Paul Little CS&L Manager, which takes responsibility for operational delivery. Suffolk County Council provides a supporting strategic role. Both groups include key partners from the Police, Probation Service, Youth Offending Service, Fire Service, Suffolk County Council and the Primary Care Trust.

## **Strategic Assessment and Action Plan 2009/10**

- 5.2 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) undertakes annual strategic assessments and action planning to ensure that its activities are focused on those areas of most local relevance and need. The strategic assessment itself is undertaken by Suffolk County Council on behalf of all CSPs in Suffolk and is a comprehensive audit of information about crime and disorder in the County. The assessment also looks to make some localised recommendations (for each CSP area), which are then considered by the CSP and a full action plan is developed. In addition, in Babergh, we have factored in local survey data and other District-wide information. A joint planning event with the CSPs strategic and operational groups (RAG and OWG) was undertaken in February 2009 with a full action being formulated and implemented from April 2009.
- 5.3 The action plan for 2009/10 took a thematic stance, consistent with the approach adopted in the previous year. Rather than focus on types of crime, the partnership feel that organising around themes gives a better opportunity for a comprehensive approach to problem solving rather than the narrower focus on specific crime types. The themes adopted were:
- Creating a Safer Night-time Economy
  - Protecting & Engaging Young People
  - A Focus on Priority Neighbourhoods
  - Alcohol and Substance Misuse
  - Helping Vulnerable Families & Domestic Abuse
  - Protecting property
- 5.4 There is a good deal of consistency between the themes adopted in 2009/10 and those adopted in the previous year, particularly issues concerned with alcohol fuelled disorder in town centres and anti-social behaviour and the perceptions of anti-social behaviour by young people in groups. These are issues that have Suffolk-wide and indeed nationwide resonance; in Babergh there have been some significant progress made in both these respects.

### **Action taken by the Community Safety Partnership**

- 5.5 The full end of year report for the Community Safety Partnership, which gives a detailed breakdown of all the actions taken, under each theme is attached as appendix 1. The body of this report therefore focuses on some key areas, rather than replicate that full report.
- 5.6 **Creating a Safer Night-time Economy** – This has been and is likely to remain a key focus for the Community Safety Partnership. The Council and the Police have developed increasingly effective joint working arrangements to ensure that there is a necessary focus of energies and resources on this theme. We know through specifically commissioned research that the volume crime types of criminal damage, public disorder and violence for the District and indeed the County have strong links to the irresponsible use of Alcohol.

- 5.7 A core group that had initially included the CS&L Manager and Senior Police colleagues was formed and focused around a tactical plan covering both Sudbury and Hadleigh Town Centres. This focus has enabled the Police, the Partnership in general and the Council to direct resources into this area of work. The tactical plan is supported by research commissioned through the partnership which ensures there is a key focus on performance. Key tactics have been around the increasingly effective use of Babergh's CCTV system, since the decision to take control of monitoring back in house, and the use of research to ensure properly targeted foot patrols. Recently the core group has expanded to include Babergh's licensing staff and Substance Misuse Officer.
- 5.8 Results over the last three quarters of last year have shown some very significant falls in crime types of criminal damage, public disorder and violence in the areas targeted (Sudbury and Hadleigh). Over the period of July 2009 to March 2010 we have seen a 23% reduction across all target crime types during night-time hours. Performance in the last quarter of the year has been even more significant with a reduction of 28% (these figures are in comparison with crime reports for the same period in the previous year in all Sudbury and Hadleigh wards).
- 5.9 **Protecting & Engaging Young People** – The public consistently tell the Council and the Police that this is a key concern for them, particularly in relation to groups of young people causing anti-social behaviour. This is often a mixture of very genuine issues of anti-social behaviour, negative perceptions of young people and issues of rural isolation, where, without independent transport, there is little for young people to do. Action in these areas has adopted a dual focus of providing positive things for young people to do and on ensuring, for those that need it, clear boundaries are set and enforced around acceptable behaviour.
- 5.10 Aside from the core work that is done, including the continuing success of BeActive, two significant projects have sought to engage positively with very different groups of young people. In Shotley, building on an established partnership with CSV media in Ipswich, a project was developed that included local Police and Cllrs. The aims of the project were to communicate with the wider community about the experiences of young people in a rural location and building from that, to establish a community supported initiative providing a positive outlet for their energies. "SYNC" has been the resulting community led project established with the support of Babergh, engaging with around 40 young people per night.
- 5.11 Currently a project in Sudbury is being completed, again in partnership with CSV media, which seeks to engage with a very difficult to engage group of young people, many of whom are directly known to the Police and the Upper school for their problematic behaviour. We are working with the school to try and develop the same sustainable outcomes as in Shotley. This has been a more difficult project than the one established in Shotley, however it is a good example of officers seeking to be ever more ambitious in attempts to develop this important area of work. Some of these difficult young people to engage have already been inspired to join a local young persons film makers club and, like the Shotley project, there is a clear aim to establish a sustainable legacy.

- 5.12 Although its important to acknowledge that young people are sometimes very unfairly portrayed in the media, it is also important to acknowledge that where there are problems the agencies need to work together to act decisively and effectively. An example of such work can be found in a Sudbury based problem solving project which focused on an escalating issue of anti-social behaviour, which involved harassment of residents and criminal damage costing considerable amounts to repair. Through effective partnership work, a number of key protagonists were identified and tackled head on through the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and, importantly, the use of diversionary tactics, including referrals to Babergh's BeActive initiative and to Time2Change, run through the Youth Offending Service. This illustrates the balanced approach that needs to be adopted to tackle these issue in both the short and the long term – short term containment and long term rehabilitation. As a result reported incidents dropped by a remarkable 74%, an improvement that has been sustained and coupled with area based work such as a Community Mural and latterly ongoing work to establish a youth Hub – there is a focus on solving these problems for the long term. This work has been recognised for its quality through the Carey Godfrey SNT award – which recognises the best partnership work in the County and along with ongoing efforts to tackle similar issue has been nominated for the national Tilley awards.
- 5.13 Whilst this is a good example of what can be achieved it is also important to note that there are a range of ongoing issues and one of the strengths of this partnership's work is its ability to recognise the need for continual critical self-assessment so that the partnership can move ever forward.

### **Ongoing Challenges**

- 5.14 There are a range of ongoing challenges for the year ahead and the partnership has a clear vision for focusing on key themes for 2010/11. The partnership has also recognised the need to change its performance management processes and improve how public opinion is used to formulate its priorities. This is not to say there are any significant deficiencies in these respects at present, but is more an example of the partnership's healthy tendency to be properly self-critical and to move ever forward.
- 5.15 The action themes for 2010/11 will be:
- Creating Safer Town Centres at Night
  - Anti-Social Behaviour & Engaging Positively with Young People
  - A Focus on Priority Neighbourhoods
  - Promoting Responsible Alcohol Use as a priority & Tackling Substance Abuse amongst under 18s
  - Helping Vulnerable Families and Individuals

Full details of the 2010/11 action plan are attached to this report as Appendix 2.

## **Crime and other indicators**

- 5.16 Overall crime levels in Babergh remain very low and in line with County-wide figures where the number of reported incidents remain static. Within in that though there are some notable local variations which point to the specific difference being made by the Babergh CSP. In relation to violent crime the level of incidents dropped by 5% across Babergh, compared to a county-wide increase of 5%. Other notable drops in the number of offences include an 8% decrease in criminal damage and a 8.5% decrease in thefts from motor vehicles (both in line with County-wide figures). In Babergh thefts from shops are down by 6% in comparison to a 8% increase in the County.
- 5.17 The only significant concern in terms of crime reports going up is in regard to the category, Burglary from Other Buildings (this is Burglary of commercial premises and outbuildings etc and excludes domestic burglary) where there is an large increase, albeit from relatively low figures. Without this aberration overall crime in Babergh would have fallen by over 3%, which would have been a very significant result in such a low-crime area. This issue is a specific focus of action for this year with detailed research underway to identify causes.

## **6 APPENDICES**

1. Babergh CSP End of year Report 2009/10
2. Babergh CSP Action Plan 2010/11

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO**

None.

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **END OF YEAR REPORT FOR RAG – 2009 / 2010**

**Details of all Community Safety Partnership activity linked to the 2009/2010 action plan. All details have been provided by the theme leads and any questions about specific activity should be directed to those theme leads.**

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<b>Priority Themes</b>	<b>Creating a Safer Night-time Economy</b>	<b>Protecting property</b>	<b>Protecting &amp; Engaging Young People</b>	<b>A Focus on Priority Neighbourhoods</b>	<b>Alcohol and Substance Misuse</b>	<b>Helping Vulnerable Families &amp; Domestic Abuse</b>
<b>Action Areas (Long and Short Term)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of Night Time Economy Tactical Plan</li> <li>• Advocate creation of mixed Night Time Economy</li> <li>• Improve co-ordination of licensing enforcement</li> <li>• Support Pubwatch and County Alcohol Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission ongoing research to identify priority crimes and causes</li> <li>• Identify and implement actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Babergh District area based youth engagement plans</li> <li>• ASB case referrals</li> <li>• Tackling negative perceptions about and from young people</li> <li>• Underage alcohol use</li> <li>• Protection from sexual assault</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify areas of poor physical environment and crime/ASB hotspots</li> <li>• Align CSP action with SNT priorities,</li> <li>• Encourage and enable the development of community cohesion and empowerment projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and harm Reduction,</li> <li>• Support alcohol related activity programme</li> <li>• Inform and Educate on the reclassification of Cannabis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building confidence in victims of abuse</li> <li>• Effective perpetrator intervention</li> <li>• Raising awareness/ education</li> <li>• ASB Casework</li> <li>• Family/Parenting Support</li> </ul>
<b>Areas of Impact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Damage</li> <li>• VIAPP</li> <li>• Public Disorder</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisitive Crime</li> <li>• Criminal Damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASB (including perceptions)</li> <li>• Criminal Damage</li> <li>• Sexual Assault</li> <li>• Community Cohesion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Social Behaviour</li> <li>• Criminal Damage</li> <li>• Community cohesion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Damage</li> <li>• Public Disorder</li> <li>• VIAPP</li> <li>• ASB</li> <li>• Drug related crime</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Anti-Social Behaviour</li> </ul>
<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	CSLM Paul Little CI Martin Ransome	CRO Les King	CSLM Paul Little	CSO Ann Scott	SMO Julia Catterwell	DA Shirley Osbourne ASBNO Sally Watson
<b>Main Partner Involvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BDC, SCC and Parish/ Town Councils</li> <li>• Police, esp. Architectural Liaison Officer</li> <li>• Licensees/Business community</li> <li>• Trading Standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BDC, SCC and Parish/ Town Councils</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• SCC and Police Research Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BDC, SCC and Parish/ Town Councils</li> <li>• Youth and Connexions/YOS</li> <li>• Voluntary/third sector</li> <li>• Safer Schools Partnership</li> <li>• Trading Standards</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BDC, SCC and Parish/ Town Councils</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• Fire</li> <li>• YOS/Connexions</li> <li>• Community Cohesion Unit</li> <li>• Employers</li> <li>• County Criminal Damage Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BDC, SCC and Parish/ Town Councils</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• Licensees/Trading Standards</li> <li>• DAAT</li> <li>• Youth &amp; Connexions</li> <li>• NHS Suffolk</li> <li>• Probation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Babergh Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• BDC, SCC</li> <li>• Probation</li> </ul>

## **Creating a Safe Night Time Economy Theme**

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### **Action Area 1: Implementation of Night Time Economy Tactical Plan**

The tactical plan has been implemented with resources supplied by the Police, Babergh District Council and CSP funding. The key tactics of increased effectiveness in the use of CCTV, following the establishment of local monitoring in Sudbury (covering both Sudbury and Hadleigh) and targeted foot patrols in known hotspots are key. The CSP has also funded and supported the implementation of the Town Pastors scheme in Sudbury.

In terms of results, in Qrts 2 and 3 (July – December), substantial reductions were seen in the target offences of criminal damage, violence in a public place and public disorder, in comparison to that six month period in the previous year (six months to Dec)

- offences in Haldeigh and Sudbury fell by 19% (all times)
- offences during NTE hours in Hadleigh and Sudbury fell by just over 20%

Qrt 4 results are even better (Jan to March) and in comparison with the same period the previous year:

- offences in Hadleigh and Sudbury fell by 29% (all times)
- offences during NTE hours in Hadleigh and Sudbury also fell by 29%

So for Qrts 2, 3 and 4 the total reductions are:

- offences in Hadleigh and Sudbury fell by just over 22% (all times)

Across the county criminal damage is falling, but violent offences are in the rise, however in Babergh's town centres that trend is reversed with reduction in violent crime by 23% over the Qrts 2 – 4.

### **Action Area 2: Support Pub-watch and County Alcohol Group**

The CSP continues to support both groups through the support of the substance misuse officer for the County alcohol group, Police support for both Hadleigh and Sudbury Pubwatch schemes and continued funding for pub-link radios.

Having said that there is a need for more support in coordinating the meetings and ensuring that licencees attending see value in their continued support for pub-watch. This should involve Police and Council, in a supporting/influencing role and not in directing what each Pub-watch should do.

### **Action Area 3: Advocate creation of mixed Night Time Economy**

The issues of town centre development is now fully part of the current Local Development Framework consultation. The full detail of development plans is being developed over a long time-frame and the CSP will continue to advocate for the creation of broader social outlets for people at night (beyond just pubs and clubs).

In addition to LDF the CS&L Manager is now consulted on new planning applications in town centres and is made aware of all planning applications. CS&L manager is also part of the Council's development team that look at longer term development issues throughout the District.

### **Action Area 4: Improve co-ordination of licensing enforcement**

Licensing staff have been part of some SNT tasking meetings relevant to their areas and are in regular contact with Police on local issues. To build on this work still further the core group looking at NTE issues specifically has been expanded to include licensing staff and County research team are to support this with the production of a report that details any links of incidents to licensed premises .

## **Protecting Property Theme**

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Some research was commissioned and supplied on shoplifting offences. Shopwatch radios have subsequently been bought for those engaged on the scheme in Sudbury and the radios in Hadleigh were reviewed and deemed to be working well. Tony Simpson, NHW Coordinator, has also looked at reigniting the Shopwatch scheme in Copdock but due to existing company policies enthusiasm has been low.

Two days of action days were held - one at Copdock and the other at Pinewood/Thorington around theft of and from motor vehicles. Air fresheners with the CSP logo and personal safety advice were handed out and a quiz completed by members of the public. Due to a low level of uptake this will be recreated in Sudbury in the next financial year. A burglary, other building, action day was held in Glemsford where the Police CRO engaged with members of the public and appropriate literature was given out. For this there was a supply of property marking pens and shed alarms to give out as required.

## **Protecting and Engaging Young People Theme**

### **Action Area 1: Babergh District area based youth engagement plans**

Two projects have been delivered this year. These projects focus on geographical areas with intense and focused work with young people for around 6 months, with a clear exit strategy that leaves some community supported and sustainable activity in place.

In partnership with CSV media, a range of Babergh staff and local Police, engaged with a group of young people in Shotley – a film was made which detailed the experiences of those young people, of living in small rural community with few facilities, engaged various local people in interviews (including Cllrs) and communicated what the young people themselves felt needed to be in place to keep them positively occupied in the future. The film was shown to the whole community with a particular focus on encouraging better engagement by the Parish council and on gaining community support for an ongoing youth facility in the village. In both these regards the meeting was successful and along with support from Babergh for funding applications a community supported facility for young people is functioning and engaging with around 40 young per night. Plans are being developed to create a separate premises which funding has been identified for, a planning application has been submitted.

Again in partnership with CSV and also Sudbury Upper school a further project was developed in Sudbury which particularly focused on hard to reach young people whose behaviour was a significant problem. The project is just finishing and the film developed is planned to be used in assemblies to educated young people about the dangers of drug and alcohol use (mephedrone has been a particular issue in Sudbury). As a message from young people to young people it is hoped that the message will have greater resonance. In addition Babergh staff are planning to support funding bids to establish a radio station, with the support of the school, in order to provide ongoing positive activity.

## **Action Area 2: ASB case referrals**

In order to focus action needed and engage more effectively with the relevant agencies the Sudbury ASB case conferences are now divided into those focusing on Adults and those on Young people. This enables focused discussions and more direct referrals to be made. Results have been:

- 33 individual referrals to BeActive (None reoffending)
- 32 Time to Change referrals

Over the past 12 months the ASB Network Coordinator has organised and chaired 13 multi-agency case-conferences in Hadleigh and Sudbury. Over 100 referrals have been made from various agencies and as a result of multi-agency discussions; robust actions have been implemented producing successful results.

### **Action Area 3: Tackling negative perceptions about and from young people**

A range of positive publicity has been generated, particularly around the are based youth engagement initiatives detailed above. In addition there has been positive publicity around young people referred to the BeActive Leisure inclusion programme who have gone on to change the focus of their energies in a positive direction.

### **Action Area 4: Underage alcohol use**

The detail of these initiatives are contained in the details below on education and harm reduction, under the alcohol and substance misuse theme.

### **Action Area 5: Protection from sexual assault**

Research was commissioned to identify the profile of victims, offenders and circumstances surrounding the incidents. This is still outstanding, so no actions have been completed.

## **A Focus on Priority Neighbourhoods Theme**

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### **Action Are 1: Identify areas of poor physical environment and crime/ASB hotspots**

Babergh CSP held their first evening IMPACT event this year. It used the same principles as the 'standard IMPACT' event held last year, (multi-agency clean up day), but turned its attention towards supporting a safe night time economy.

Results as follows:

*Multi-agency vehicle checkpoint team: (Roads Policing Unit / VOSA / HM Revenue and Customs / Environment Agency / Trading Standards) 07:30 – 13:30*

- 20 vehicles were checked, of these only 1 was found to be clear of any defects.
- 9 x immediate prohibitions were issued for 16 defects
- 14 x delayed prohibitions were issued for 26 defects
- 63 x advisory notices were issued
- 2 x vehicles were reported for summons
- 1 x vehicle for Vehicle Excise Licence (no tax)
- 5 x vehicles were prosecuted by Trading Standards for being above the legal weight limit

*Trading Standards Test purchase operation (alcohol and tobacco)*

- 3 premises visited, no sales to under-age volunteers

*Multi-agency joint licensing visits (Trading Standards, Police, SIA, Gambling Commission, BDC Licensing team, Suffolk Fire and Rescue.)*

- 4 premises visited (2 pubs, 2 nightclubs)
- 2 x Advice given regarding means of escape (Fire)
- 3 x Further enquiries to be made by HMIC re: duty paid on gaming machines
- 2 x Staff training issues identified
- Inaccurate and illegal measures seized by Trading Standards
- Potential breach of CCTV – BDC to follow up
- Advice given re: placement of cigarette machine.

*Police Pod*

- Numerous amounts of advice provided to people visiting the town.

More locally based days of action have been organised, such as an estate inspection in Great Cornard. The estate is predominately owned by Babergh District Council so it gave officers the chance to address tenancy issues, such as untidy gardens and graffiti. SNTs already do regular village inspections and District Council Housing Officers regularly do estate inspections - CSP members participate in both. Plans are being made to co-ordinate these two events so that CSP events are held on a regular basis and are attended by a variety of different agencies.

### **Action Area 2: Align CSP action with SNT priorities**

This has only been partially possible due to the restructure of SNTs and Suffolk Police as a whole. CSP members attend all SNT public meetings and tasking meetings and SNT officers attend all OWG and RAG meetings. There is much more communication with CSP/SNT public engagements and regular joint attendance.

### **Action Area 3: Encourage and enable the development of community cohesion/empowerment projects to reduce exposure to radicalisation**

A local film maker has been given CSP money to produce a DVD on migrant communities. Filming begun in March 2010. So far they have filmed residents of Babergh during a market day in Sudbury. Most views were negative about migrant workers. A few local councillors have been filmed too. A local farm employer and 2 migrant workers from Romania have been filmed. The film makers have been promised interviews from The High Sheriff and some of his staff. They are also in contact with the recycling centre about filming there. A restaurant has also offered support for the project. A lack of migrant farm workers and willingness to engage has been sited as the reason for the slow process. It is hoped that this project will foster better relations between the diverse groups in our community. It is hoped that some of the myths and stereotypes that are held about migrant workers will be addressed. Once complete the DVD can be used in schools, youth clubs etc.....

Some work has been done to improve inter-generational cohesion. The community mural project in Sudbury brought older and younger residents together, meaning a better understanding on the two generations. Community Development Officers based at the District Council have produced two major DVD projects about what young people want – this has transformed into a youth club on both occasions. More details can be found under the “Protecting and engaging Young People Theme”.

## **Alcohol and Substance Misuse Theme**

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### **Action Area 1: Education and Harm Reduction**

CSP funded promotional materials for the team. This enabled the team to present sessions/events in a more professional manner. The CSP team carried out 25 education/prevention sessions in the past 12 months across Babergh. The estimate of individuals engaged with at these events totals 3,010. These events enable the CSP to have a visible presence within the local communities and allow us to find out peoples concerns/issues. Number of people engaged with:

April – 100

May - 2000 +

June - 200

July – 20 +

August – 80 +

September – 20

October – 200 +

November – 180 +

December – 50 +

February – 10 +

March – 20 +

Some of these events have been reactive in the sense that agencies or partners have requested a raising awareness/info talk due to emerging problems, whilst other events are as a result of local information and performance reports. These events can have an impact on the confidence target as it shows that partners are seen to be working together. These events also provided the opportunity to collect information regarding alcohol and drug use which has been shared with partners and taken into consideration for the 2010/11 Action Plan.

## **Action Area 2: Support Alcohol related Activity Programme**

CSP funded £500 toward 'know your limits' week. Promotional material purchased (some additional funding secured from the DAAT). Raising awareness of alcohol related crime, small survey carried out to find out peoples knowledge about alcohol 'unit'. Sudbury Town Pastors commenced with funding from the CSP and support in terms of training. The Town Pastors have been a noticeable presence on the streets on a Saturday evening and contribute hugely to reducing the fear of crime. Small amount of funding received from the BCU toward Christmas campaign, aimed at making young people drink responsibly, with the message 'get home safe'. Females also given personal alarms and advice as part of campaign to help them feel safe, whilst out enjoying themselves over the festive period. Wattisham Health Day was an opportunity to collect some much needed information regarding army personal and their drinking habits, but also to forge stronger links with the MOD.

## **Action Area 3: Promote reclassification of Cannabis**

This campaign was commissioned following survey results carried out in National Drugs week in Babergh. CSP funded towards this campaign with a contribution from DAAT. This campaign was County wide and supported by partners including DAAT, Youth & Connexions, SNT's and the Police Drug team. Campaign consisted of the following:

- Adverts and editorial in EADT, Mercury and Lets Talk – plus banners on their websites
- Leaflets and Posters
- Adverts on Bus shelters and bus rears

The campaign consisted of three strands 1) Cannabis and health. Aimed at the effects of cannabis on your mental health and the possible long term effects. 2) Cannabis and your job. Aimed at young people and making them aware that Universities/potential employers can test for drug use 3) Cannabis factories and how to spot signs of cannabis factories where you live. The Police Drug team will follow up campaign by measuring how many factories have been detected over a three month period and the number in possession/supply of cannabis in the same period to measure effectiveness of campaign.

## **Helping Vulnerable Families and Domestic Abuse Theme**

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### **Action Area 1: Building confidence in victims of abuse**

Babergh Forum has run 2 Freedom Programmes in Hadleigh, (which ran April, May and June and the other one in September, October and November). There is another one due to start in April. Referrals have been slow but the new DV co-ordinator will make this their priority when they start. There has also been 3 Freedom Programmes in Sudbury, (one running April, May and June, one running in September, October and November, the other one running January, February March). This is always at maximum capacity. There are two support groups running in Sudbury.

The Sanctuary Scheme is now running in Babergh. One live case has gone through the system and one more is being processed. The Housing Team and other agencies who sit on the forum are being made aware of the referral process.

### **Action Area 2: Effective perpetrator intervention**

Suffolk Probation continues to be the provider of perpetrator intervention delivering the national accredited Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP) in Lowestoft, Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds. Dedicated Women's Safety Workers are employed to provide support to partners or ex partner victims. Suffolk Probation Area also works extensively with individual perpetrators using various models of intervention as laid out in guidance produced by the National Offender Management Service.

### **Action Area 3: Raising awareness / education**

Babergh Forum put on a White Ribbon Week event at Sudbury Town Hall. It was well attended with about 10 members of the Forum taking part, (Police, Saint Matthews Housing, Victim Support, Probation Service). The particular focus was raising awareness about men being victims of abuse and how they can get help. A part time DV co-ordinator is being recruited from CSP and SSPB funds. They should start in June 2010.

The development of the Domestic Abuse Coordinator post in Babergh is being supported by the Safer Suffolk Partnership Board to enhance inter-agency working using local mechanisms to prioritise victims and children at risk of harm and those recovering from their experiences.

MARAC – over the last twelve months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 174 high risk cases have been supported county wide, of which 25 cases come under the definition of repeats; the NI32 rate is currently 14.4%.

Western MARAC (Forest Heath District, Mid Suffolk District, St. Edmundsbury Borough and Sudbury part of Babergh District), began accepting referrals November 2008. Cases for last 12 months = 30 (incl repeats) Repeats = 2 Repeat rate 6.7%

Southern MARAC (Felixstowe part of Suffolk Coastal District, Ipswich and Hadleigh part of Babergh District) began accepting referral August 2007. Cases for last 12 months = 95 (incl repeats) Repeats = 18 Repeat rate = 18.9%

The Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy service continue to support cases at the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts by weekly attendance. SDV Courts continue to perform well, for Quarter 3 successful outcome rates are as follows; Ipswich 88.9% (96:108 cases) Bury St. Edmunds 76.7% (33:43 cases) and Lowestoft 76.2% (16:21 cases). The low volume at Lowestoft is being monitored & addressed.

Suffolk County Council has continued to provide free of charge multi - agency domestic abuse training open to all statutory and voluntary organisations in Suffolk. Training is aimed to equip staff with the awareness and skills needed to ensure an appropriate response at all levels of intervention.

The County Council supports and provided a range of materials to agencies based in Babergh including a 'Guide to Domestic Abuse Services, leaflets and specialist safety planning booklets for female and male victims.

#### **Action Area 4: ASB Casework**

Over the past 12 months 72 individual cases have been investigated, which require more than a telephone call response or minimum intervention. Cases successfully worked on have included youths causing problems in a car-park in Hadleigh both with vehicles and by playing football at unsociable hours; interviewing most of the residents of a new housing association area (street) who were causing ASB among themselves, interviewing a number of young males from Glemsford who were bullying and causing harassment to a disabled boy in the village, young people in Gt Cornard frightening elderly members of the community including Parish and District Councillors, ASBO applications for people causing violence in Sudbury town centre, and numerous other cases.

Regular ASB 'Tools' used to tackle the cases are

- 29 interviews at the Police Station
- 16 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
- 13 ASBO applications
- Referrals to Be-Active, Time To Change and Social Care.

Babergh's CS&L manager and the ASB coordinator are arranging a training day for SNT staff and SNT Panel volunteers in July. This will include an over-arching theme of ASB, a problem solving input, workshops and presentations by the outside partner organisations who can work with the SNT's to tackle ASB.

The "Sudbury Says No to Knives" campaign has been developed and implemented. A knife amnesty was developed, use of bins and posters was organised to publicising the event, the local upper school were engaged with education sessions and range of publicity was generated alongside public engagement events.

## **Babergh Community Safety Partnership 2010/11 Action Plan**

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Background**

This action plan has been developed following a comprehensive strategic assessment in October 2009, completed by the SCC Research team in conjunction with Police analysts, and subsequent CSP planning day in February 2010 at which local survey and ASB data was incorporated into the process. The themes have been agreed upon by partners in the CSP and represent issues relevant to Babergh identified from a comprehensive analysis of a range of data.

The analysis shows that Babergh continues to be a low crime area, there are, however, significant challenges in tackling high volumes crimes such as criminal damage and public disorder; some pockets of anti-social behaviour and in developing a sense of community particularly between generations. Some of the themes/action areas represent attempts to directly tackle some of the short term consequences, for example NTE tactical plan, ASB casework; others look to the longer term, for example protecting and engaging young people and focusing on priority neighbourhoods. The action plan provides a focus for tackling locally relevant issues, working to achieve the overall goal of reducing the levels of crime and disorder and improving people's feelings of safety. The action plan is not though a complete description of all the work done by partners that would tackle or help to tackle issues of crime and disorder, it is rather an attempt to define what the CSP as a distinct partnership can do together to reduce crime, disorder ASB and increase feelings of safety.

### **Use of Resources**

The action plan will be used to focus the allocation of the CSP's resources. Agencies, both statutory and third sector that can contribute to the aims and objectives of the plan will be encouraged to put forward expressions of interest, detailing projects; how they would meet the CSP's objectives; how they would be evaluated and providing detailed costs. Payment in most circumstances would be made quarterly and clear agreements signed to ensure proper use of public funds. Delivery of projects will be monitored via the Officer Working Group and overseen by the Responsible Authorities Group. Not all actions detailed here will require resources from the CSP as some actions will be about coordinating or improving the effectiveness of joint work with partners.

### **Overarching Issues**

Communication and engagement with the public is a key issue for any Community Safety Partnership, it has an impact both on feelings of safety and on the confidence that people feel in the agencies that work to tackle crime and disorder issues. It is therefore an overriding theme for the action plan and its important that the partnership ensure that resources are made available for this purpose.

Please contact Ann Scott or Paul Little for further information

Action Area	Project	Project Lead	Time-Scales	Performance Indicator	CSP Funding	Commentary - Theme Leads	Completed? Yes or No	On target? Yes or No	Other Comments - Partners etc
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**Action Theme - Creating Safer Town Centres at Night**

**Identified Problem - Violence in a public place, general disorder and criminal damage**

**Theme Lead - Martin Ransome (RAG) and Paul Crick (OWG)**

<b>Development of NTE tactical Plan</b>	Review Plan and ensure that tactics remain relevant and effective - Link with Serious Violence in a Public Place Action Plan	Paul Little	By End of May 2010	Complete action					
<b>Development of NTE tactical Plan</b>	Consider other partners to be invited to NTE Core Group	Martin Ransome	By End of May 2010	Complete action					
<b>Maximise resources available to tackle disorder</b>	Continue to develop local CCTV monitoring arrangements and expand the hours of direct monitoring through the use of volunteers	Paul Crick	By End of June 2010	Complete action					
<b>Working to businesses and licensees</b>	Develop agreements with licensees and use relevant legislation where appropriate to take responsibility for disorderly conduct close to premises - Link with Pubwatch	Martin Ransome	By End of July 2010	Complete action					
<b>Working to businesses and licensees</b>	Evaluate the usefulness of a Database management system for license administration and enforcement	Martin Ransome Lee Carvell	By End of July 2010	Complete action					
<b>Develop Tools and Powers available</b>	Evaluate the usefulness of a DPPO for both Hadleigh and Sudbury	Paul Little	By End May 2010	Complete action					

**Action Theme - Anti-Social Behaviour & Engaging Positively with Young People**

**Identified Problem - Public concern about youth related Disorder**

**Theme Lead - Jennifer Meade (RAG) and Lin Clancy (OW(G))**

<b>Tackling Negative Perceptions</b>	Focus on the development of good news stories about young people - consider standing agenda item on Comms at OWG	Lin Clancy	Throughout the year	6 Media Stories					
<b>Tackling Negative Perceptions</b>	Develop inter-generational projects to reduce barriers between young and old people	Lin Clancy/Jill Barton	Throughout the year	2 Projects					
<b>Effectively dealing with genuine concerns</b>	Continue to work with a balanced approach to tackling disorderly conduct by groups and individual young people, using both enforcement (ABCs, ASBOs etc) and diversionary activity (BeActive/Time2Change referrals)	Sally Watson	Throughout the year	80% of cases to be resolved within 12 weeks					
<b>Tackling Negative Perceptions</b>	Continue to develop area based projects led by BDC, such as those completed at Glemsford, Shotley and ongoing at Sudbury, that positively engage with young people and look to support the community in developing sustainable positive activities	Paul Little	Throughout the year	2 Projects					
<b>Preventing Disorder</b>	Build on links built with Schools during knife crime campaign to develop education themes in schools - issues to include drugs/alcohol, the effective of criminal damage and clear discussions about what ASB is	Sally Watson/Julia Catterwell	Throughout the year	3 Themes covered					

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### Action Theme - A Focus on Priority Neighbourhoods

#### Identified Problem - Hotspot areas of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour

#### Theme Lead - Martyn Booth (RAG) and Ann Scott (OWG)

<b>Tackling long term environmental factors that contribute to ASB</b>	Identify at least 3 priority areas across Babergh - Improve environment to reduce opportunities for offending	Ann Scott Paul Crick	Throughout the year	Improved Environment - measured through inspections					
<b>Tackling long term environmental factors that contribute to ASB</b>	Positively engage with County Impact event - ensure that area focused on is Babergh priority areas (one impact event scheduled for Babergh in 10/11)	Ann Scott/ Charlotte Foster	As defined by Impact process	Improved Environment - measured through inspections					
<b>Tackling Fear of Crime</b>	More effective and targeted community engagement / communication about CSP and SNT activity	Ann Scott/ Paul Crick	Throughout the year	Sustainable Community led initiatives					
<b>Build Community Cohesions</b>	Develop/commission community cohesions projects that contribute to the integration of new/migrant communities and reduce exposure to extremism.	Ann Scott	Throughout the year	Deliver two projects					

### Action Theme - Promoting Responsible Alcohol Use as a priority & Tackling Substance Abuse amongst under 18s

#### Identified Problem - Alcohol related disorder (main emphasis of the theme 75% weighting) and harm caused by Substance Abuse

#### Theme Lead - David Kanka (RAG) and Lynda Bradford (OWG)

<b>Education</b>	Develop partnership commitment to alcohol/substance misuse prevention and education projects and deliver a minimum of three projects throughout the year	Julia Catterwell Sally Watson	Throughout the year	Deliver at least three projects					
<b>Education</b>	Support national and regional alcohol and substance misuse campaigns	Julia Catterwell	Throughout the year						
<b>Promoting Responsible Drinking</b>	Commission locally relevant campaigns to promote responsible drinking particularly aimed at target age from of 18-25 year olds	Lynda Bradford	Throughout the year	At least 3 campaigns					
<b>Gaining greater understanding of the Issues</b>	Commission Data gathering specifically in relation to alcohol use	Julia Catterwell and Lynda Bradford	By August 2010	Data gathering completed					
<b>Develop interventions</b>	Work with NHS Suffolk on the development of brief interventions to tackle problematic alcohol use amongst individuals	Lynda Bradford	By August 2010	Develop proposals by time scale					

### Action Theme - Helping Vulnerable Families and Individuals

#### Identified Problem - Domestic violence/abuse and anti-social behaviour (underlying causes)

#### Theme Lead - Paul Little (RAG) and Robert Palmer (OWG)

<b>Increase options for support</b>	Make funding applications to establish FIP for Babergh/work with SCC to ensure any county-wide provision is utilised - Commission organisations if funding streams established	Paul Little	Throughout the year	Make at least 3 funding application from a variety of sources					
<b>Increase options for support</b>	Develop intervention protocol with existing service providers - including Social Care, the purpose of which is to better coordinate essential services to families and vulnerable young people to tackle underlying issues such as issues of neglect, poor parenting or abuse.	Paul Little	By September 2010	Deliver protocol and start implementation					
<b>Building Confidence</b>	Continue to work with Babergh's DV Forum to raise awareness and implement programmes to build confidence in victims of abuse	DV Coordinator	Throughout the year						
<b>Tackle Perpetrators</b>	Commission a programme aimed at perpetrators who have not been convicted	Shirley Osbourne / Robert Palmer	By September 2010	Deliver project					
<b>Increase options for support</b>	Commission parenting support for families identified as perpetrators of anti-social behaviour	Ann Scott	By September 2010	Deliver project					

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**Action Theme - Emerging Crime Issues**

**Identified Problem - 43% increase in burglary from other building**

**Theme Lead - Paul Little (RAG) and Robert Palmer (OWG)**

<b>Tackling emerging issues</b>	Commission research into the causes and nature of a large (40%+) increase in the Crime Category - Burglary from Other Building - Develop appropriate actions from research	Verity Lines	By End of May 2010	Deliver Report on Action					
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	Feedback Required by 2nd June 2010
	Report to RAG 9th June 2010

<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
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