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NORTH & WEST SECTORS

North and West Sector NPT's have started the year with a number of proactive operations to tackle the issues that are a concern to the community and reflect the Neighbourhood Priorities identified by the community.

There is far too much activity to report on, and some information is not appropriate to mention at this stage. The following is just a flavour of what the local NPT's are doing at the moment.

Op Disrupt has been set up to deal with Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) on the North and West Sector of Swindon. Research shows that ASB can lead to criminal damage and minor assaults. The operation is almost completely staffed by PCSO's to target reported 'Hot Spots' and respond quickly to incidents of ASB.

The North Sector PCSO's were particularly concerned regarding the effects of ASB and volunteered to permanently change their shift pattern to combat the causes and effects. There are a number of means of gathering evidence of ASB. One of the most valuable tools is the use of 'Head cams' that officers carry. Not only does this assist with identification of an individual and the behaviour, it is a valuable tool to be able to show parents the behaviour of their children and not simply take our word for it!

There has been a 45% reduction of reported ASB and nearly a 17.5% reduction in reported criminal damage compared with last year.

The operation is a success and will continue to operate throughout this coming year.

An Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) operation took place on the North and West Sector on 31/01/08 and 01/02/08. The equipment can read a number plate, send the details to Hendon and display the registered keeper and any markers within a few seconds. The ANPR equipment is fitted to a variety of vehicles within the force and gives us the option of covert and overt options.

The operation was a complete success tackling local criminality and detecting offences relating to drivers and their vehicles.

The results are as follows:

A total of 8837 vehicles were screened by the ANPR vehicles, 517 of these were of interest to the police.

Vehicle's seized for insurance offences - 2

Persons reported for document offences - 2

Vehicle Defect Notices (14 days to rectify defect or face prosecution) - 9

£60 Endorsable ticket - 1

£60 Non-Endorsable ticket - 5

£30 Non-Endorsable ticket – 3

The operation also allowed us to build an intelligence picture of some of the individuals that are travelling in particular areas which will prove invaluable in the fight against local crime.

The area surrounding The Orbital Centre has suffered for some time the effects of persons consuming alcohol and then committing ASB then committing associated crime.

The Orbital Centre has now been Designated a Public Place for the purposes of alcohol consumption. This effectively means that regardless of age you cannot consume alcohol in this particular area without facing prosecution. This particular area also features in our targeted patrols. Anyone caught consuming alcohol in this area will be dealt with robustly.

A new IT system has been developed by Acting Sergeant Conway Duncan to identify existing and new individuals that are coming to police notice.

The system captures various stages of interaction with the individual and the crime committed they are committing. This has been devised with various partnerships and allows a structured multi agency approach to stop and prevent the offending. This has already shown dividends where people have stopped offending and received various levels of advice, support and enforcement.

We have already been successful in securing two interim ASBO applications with a number of robust conditions. There are a number of other individuals in the pipeline which I will report on at a later stage.

This is only a fraction of the activity from the North and West NPT's. There are many more intelligence led operations in the coming weeks and months.

The message is, if you are committing crime, we are coming for you.

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