



Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership

Notes of a Meeting of the Safer Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Panel held on Thursday 12th April, 2007 at 10.00 am in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Matlock

PRESENT:

Muriel Wilshaw (Tideswell 2000) – In the Chair

Brian Cavanagh (Derbyshire County Council), John Coxhead (Police), Wendy Birds (Connexions), Dave Cousins (British Transport Police), Sandra Barlow (Police), Steve Holme (Police), Frank Yates (C of E Derby Diocese Rural Officer), Lisa Brown (Y.ISP – YOT), Amy Henegan (Derbyshire Dales), Rod Leach (Victim Support DD & HP), Heather Worsley (Derbyshire County PCT), Royd Alderson (Licensing Consultant), Gary Williams (Rodsley & Yeaveley PC), Granville Nixon PCSO Darley Dale), John Elliott (Beat Manager Darley Dale), Sue Furniss (DCC Community Safety Unit), Kath Potter (DALC), Margaret Dyson (DALC), Linda Webb (Hurst Farm Community Church), Jon Bewley (Police), Karl Millward (PCSO Matlock), Susan Smith (Matlock Town Council), Rob Smith (HPBC), Peter Corke (DDDC), Tom Porter (Police), Marcelle Ferguson (Ashbourne Pubwatch), David Parker (Police), Glynn Bevan (Police), Caroline Simcock (Youth Involvement Officer HP – Police), Malcolm Mayfield (DDDC), Christine Laver (DDDC)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Helen Greatorex (Youth Service, DCC), Glenn Butler (Derbyshire Fire and Rescue), Mark Stone (Police), Ed Ronayne (DAAT), Pat Walker (Police), Lesley Tierney (Northern Counties Housing Association)

14/06 – CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the aims of the programme for the morning.

The Panel observed one minutes silence in memory of Ray Dring, a former Member, who had recently died,

15/06 – THE PROBLEMS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING

Malcolm Mayfield gave a short presentation that outlined the scale of underage drinking and some of the associated problems. (Copy attached at Appendix 1). This was followed by a video, produced by young people in association with Trading Standards, that graphically demonstrated the ways in which underage drinking could irrevocably affect the lives of those involved in it and of their friends and families. This video was intended to be shown in schools.

PC Sandra Barlow, Licensing Manager for 'B' Division, outlined how the law in relation to underage drinking had changed as a result of the Licensing Act 2003.

- Age at which could enter licensed premises alone raised to 16
- Offence to sell or allow the sale of alcohol to anyone under 18, except 16/17 year olds who were served a substantial meal.
- Offence to buy alcohol and pass it on to anyone under 18.
- Clubs had been brought within the scope of this legislation.

Enforcement was through the issue of penalty notices to those who sell to underage drinkers. Trading Standards run surveillance and test purchase operations. Tickets could also be issued to under 18's who consumed alcohol on licensed premises – included parks etc.

The Violent Crime Reduction Act would give the Police power to apply to the Magistrates Court for closure of a premises on the basis of 'three strikes and out'.

Caroline Simcock?, the Police Youth Involvement Officer for High Peak, explained some of the diversionary strategies employed by her and Mark Stone, her Derbyshire Dales counterpart, in an effort to reduce underage drinking. Unfortunately, time restrictions meant that she was unable to complete her presentation but has supplied the following summary.

ASB Drama - the youth involvement officers approached Glossopdale School, which is a performing arts college, and asked their drama students to script a play on ASB, which would then be performed by their students at all secondary schools on the High Peak, the performance is followed by workshops involving Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Trading Standards, Youth Offending Team and Age concern. During the Police input the pupils are told that alcohol will be confiscated and that any offences will be dealt with positively, the Final Warning and Reprimand scheme is also explained and the resulting consequences of their actions are explained.

In September the youth involvement officers are going to be doing the same as above but on Derbyshire Dales, involving all secondary schools there.

Currently being piloted in Glossop are Fairplay Football, which is a football tournament which is run by the youths involved, the captains of each team are basically trained on a Junior football Organisation course and shown how to manage their own teams and tournament. They are not only scored on the games they play but also points can be deducted from the whole team if one of the members of that team is involved in ASB and has to be spoken to by the Police.

Also being piloted in Glossop is a project to try and reduce the number of calls we are receiving about mini moto's, and the ASB issues that go with this. We are running an 8week course for 10 to 12 known culprits for riding these bikes. The course is on Safety, Education and the Legitimacies of these bikes; also at 2 points during the course the participants are taken to Peak Dale to do off road riding.

These may be rolled out to other areas.

In the Derbyshire Dales Mark STONE is due to do some work with Dave FONSECA from Youth Offending Team to target Matlock area for mini moto problems.

Also in Derbyshire Dales a scheme is being piloted at Matlock which is called "OzBox" this is a combination of boxing moves and keep fit which is progressed through a circuit training type scenario. Mark is in liaison with Rob WILKS and they are in the final stages of organising this event, which again if successful will be rolled out to other areas.

The youth involvement officers are also closely working with Cathy AYRTON from Age Concern to promote Intergenerational work by bringing both young and older people together.

We are to be involved in the forthcoming Liberation Day event which this year is on the 29th June at Pavilion Gardens, Buxton and the theme for this years event is "Bridging the Gap".

Intergenerational Question time is being held at Hope Valley College on the 17th May, 2007. The youth involvement officers attend schools on a regular basis and give inputs on various topics through either PHSE/Citizenship days or school assemblies.

Brian Cavanagh is employed by Derbyshire County Council as a consultant on the teaching of citizenship in schools. Citizenship education was a statutory requirement for 11 – 18 year olds and covers

- Rights and responsibilities
- Crime and its consequences
- Electoral system and world affairs

He felt it was important to develop the skills of enquiry, communication, participation and responsible action through interactive education and to this end a drama programme and website had been developed. (Copy of presentation attached at appendix 2)

John Coxhead was the Police Youth Development Officer and was developing a Youth Strategy that sought to positively engage young people at an early age. An educational programme had been developed in association with Trading Standards and the LEA to ensure a common and coherent approach throughout the year. This was designed to involve students as participants, evaluators, researchers and role models within the educational programme.

16/06 – FACILITATED DISCUSSIONS

The Panel split into two groups for facilitated discussion of the ways in which the various organisations could contribute to the reduction of underage drinking in the District. Notes of the feedback from these discussions are attached at Appendix 3.

Meeting closed 12.30pm

Organisations invited to meetings of the Community Safety Panel

Derbyshire Dales District Council
Dales Housing Ltd.
Derbyshire Constabulary 'B' Division
Dales Housing Ltd.
Derbyshire Dales & South Derbyshire PCT
Chief Executives Department, Derbyshire County Council
High Peak & Dales Primary Care Trust
Derbyshire Drug & Alcohol Action Team
Student Services
Education Department, Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire Youth Service
Social Services
Derbyshire Dales Area Social Services
Social Services
Derbyshire Dales Police Consultative Group
Derbyshire Dales District Council
National Probation Service - Derbyshire
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Ashbourne Neighbourhood Watch Group
Bakewell Neighbourhood Watch Group
Matlock Neighbourhood Watch Group
Chair, High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Racial Harassment Task Group
Victim Support Derbyshire
Ashbourne Multi-Agency Group
Connexions Derbyshire
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
Age Concern Derbyshire
Whitworth Hospital
Derbyshire Association of Local Councillors
Community Safety Department
Derby Crown Court
United Reform Church
Citizens Advise Bureau
Derbyshire Magistrates Courts Committee

Crown Prosecution service
Derbyshire County Council
Northern Counties Housing Association
British Transport Police
Derbyshire Dales District Council
Community Services Department
North East Area H.Q.
Derbyshire Constabulary
Chief Executives Department, Derbyshire County Council
Citizens Advise Bureau
Youth Offending Service
Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire Dales CVS
Peak District National Park Authority
Southern Derbyshire Magistrates Court
D.Y.N.A.H.
Derbyshire Constabulary B Division
Derbyshire Dales District Council
1st Floor
NDGLBA
Derbyshire County Council
Peak District National Park Authority
Matlock Station
Area Education Office
Connexions Derbyshire
Derbyshire County Council
Home Office Policing & crime reduction group
North Derbyshire Health Authority
Derbyshire Police Authority
Peak District National Park Authority
Drug and Alcohol Action Team
Domestic Abuse Reduction Partnership
High Peak Borough Council
Derbyshire Rural Community Council
All Parish and Town Councils

Under-Age Drinking

Nationally

Findings from the 2004 Offending, Crime and Justice Survey:

- The majority of 10 to 17 year-olds, both girls and boys, had an alcoholic drink in the last 12 months mainly 'alcoops' and beer. Around half of them obtained it from their parents.

- A third of 10 to 17 year-olds who drink alcohol once a month or more also reported feeling very drunk once a month or more. Generally these youngsters obtained alcohol from pubs, bars and shops rather than from their parents.

- Around half of 16 to 17 year-olds had tried to buy alcohol from pubs, bars or shops and nearly all had been successful at least once.
- Those who drank alcohol once a week or more were far more likely to get into arguments, fight, cause damage or steal something.

Findings of a study of drinking among school children aged 11 to 15 in 2003:

Around a quarter of children had drunk alcohol in the last week, rising from around one in five in 1988.

- Boys (26%) continued to be slightly more likely than girls (24%) to have drunk alcohol.

- The average weekly consumption increased from a mean of around 6 units in the early 1990s to around 10 units since the late 1990s, with boys drinking more than girls.
- The frequency and volume of alcohol consumed increases with age.

Locally

- Around 30% of assaults (excluding domestic) are recorded as being alcohol/drugs related.
- For assaults between 11pm and 4am, around half of the offences are alcohol/drugs related.

- Assaults, Public Order, and Sexual offences (as well as Drugs offences) have higher than average proportions that are alcohol and/or drug related.

- In 14% of these cases an offender was under the age of 18. Excluding drugs offences, three quarters of these were assaults, with another one in five being public order offences. Nearly all of the drugs offences involved cannabis.

- In 10% of these cases the victim was under the age of 18. Around 8 out of 10 of these offences were assaults, the others being sexual offences.

Rowdy or Nuisance Behaviour

- Over half of calls to the police about anti-social behaviour relate to rowdy or nuisance behaviour.
- Rowdy or nuisance behaviour is more likely to take place between 18.00 and 22.00 in the evening, throughout the week.

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

Presentation to the Community Safety Panel
 Derbyshire Dales District Council

Thursday 12th April 2007

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 Citizenship Consultant

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Background

1. 30 years' teaching experience.
2. Specialist subjects: PSHE and Citizenship.
3. Associate Tutor, Leicester University.
4. School Governor, South Derbyshire.

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Statutory Programme Of Citizenship

- > All students aged 11-18 are required to study citizenship as part of their entitlement curriculum.
- > In primary schools, students study citizenship as part of their Personal, Social and Health Education lessons (non statutory).
- > A review is currently taking place.

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Why Citizenship?

Curriculum enhancement

- > Knowledge and understanding: rights and responsibilities, crime and its consequences, electoral system and world affairs.
- > Skills: developing skills of enquiry, communication, participation and responsible action.

Government Agenda

- > Emphasis on developing good citizens.

Europe

- > Common in most European countries.

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Three Distinct Strands

1. Knowledge and understanding about becoming informed citizens.
2. Skills of enquiry and communication
3. Skills of participation and responsible action.

All 3 must relate to each other.

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Content of the 3 strands

1. Knowledge: legal and human rights, criminal justice system, government and electoral system, European Union, United Nations.
2. Skills of enquiry: develop students' ability to think, investigate and analyse citizenship issues.
3. Skills of participation: take part-responsibility in school and community-based issues.

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Encouraging Positive Behaviour through

- Rights and Responsibilities.
- Crime and its consequences.
- Democratic processes.

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Examples.....

Rights and Responsibilities

1. A pack of materials encouraging positive social behaviour.
2. Theatre & Education - The Sun is Shining

Crime and its Consequences

1. Website (patentbyshrop.gov.uk).
2. Resources (from several organizations within the wider criminal justice system).
3. Control debate.
4. Specialist areas on reducing gun and knife crime.
5. Strategic approach (partnership working) .

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Examples continued

Democratic Processes

1. The Boleover Initiative which involves local secondary schools in forming a shadow council.
2. Students are actively involved in consultation on matters that affect them.
3. They are allocated a sum of money and collectively agree priorities for its expenditure.
4. Resource packs in support this initiative have been drawn up for use in the classroom.

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Other examples

Encouraging Positive Behaviour by ...

- Involving students in their learning -
 - a. Students as participants.
 - b. Students as evaluators.
 - c. Students as researchers.
- The Cavanagh experience!

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However

- Well structured citizenship is more successful when experienced in both the classroom and the community.
- New guidelines in citizenship (currently being discussed) will emphasize, 'developing the skills of analysis and debate..... taking an active part in society'.
- An extra theme will be introduced on Identity and diversity urging students to to confront and examine important social issues.

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And finally.....

- POSITIVE SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN ACTION.....
- A school in South Derbyshire is attempting to throw off the perceived negative image of young people by promoting positive citizenship through the medium of films. They wish to promote the theme of responsible and active citizens. Two themes cover an inter-generational project and discovering what cultural identity is about.

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Flip chart notes from Community Safety Panel meeting – 12th April 2007

Underage drinking

h The problems with underage drinking

- Children feel marginalised
- Dissatisfaction amongst young people - children feeling insecure, breakdown in family values 1% of broken homes
- Lack of respect within schools. Decline in school discipline.
- Media / internet influence / – more responsible reporting and journalism should be considered
- A lot more people went through the courts 30 years ago – better criminal justice system needs to be established
- Sale of cheap alcohol, marketing and advertising, glorification of cheap alcohols
- Peer pressure is a major factor - gangs showing off to their mates
- Everyone needs to take responsibility for bad behaviour
- Competition between pubs – some pubs are struggling to survive and will serve people underage as its still much needed custom
- People buying alcohol in bulk from abroad (bootlegging) and selling it to people cheaply in this country, including people underage
- Alcohol is too easily obtained for people underage, adults buy it to give to youngsters
- Lack of education
- Parents are generally drinking more than years ago which sets a bad example to children
- Binge drinking / amount drunk by youngsters is a big problem – not just a small glass of wine with dinner at home under supervision anymore

Where do we go from here?

- Introduce children to alcohol sooner – i.e. the European approach – cultural differences. This then becomes not such a big issue
- Making it difficult to obtain – too easy to get alcohol
- Partnership working with other agencies
- Set sensible limits e.g. central government
- Putting pressure on central government to restrict sales of alcohol
- Rights and responsibilities – need to be established
- Parental responsibility in many cases needs to improve
- Find alternatives for youngsters such as youth clubs
- Better links with schools and parents need to be established
- Ban youngsters from pubs that were caught drinking underage rather than just give a warning
- Increase ABCs and ASBOs