

Briefing Paper to the Wyke Area Committee
19th January, 2022

Wards: Avenue, Bricknell & Central

Community Safety Briefing

Briefing Paper of the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods and Housing

1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

1.1 This briefing paper updates members on community safety activities in the Wyke Area.

2. Avenue Ward

2.1 Update on current community priorities, incorporating comments from the Neighbourhood Policing Team:

Priority 1	Street Drinking & Begging
The Neighbourhood Policing Team's focus remains around the cycle track running between Duesbery Street and Beverley Road, whilst multi partner patch walks including direct engagement with those congregating in this area are continuing with information being actively shared between partner agencies. Traders and residents have commented on the positive contribution being made by the Social Inclusion Officers recently employed at Westbourne House who are regularly seen in the area monitoring and engaging with clients.	
Priority 2	Pearson Park
The Neighbourhood Policing Team continues to monitor Pearson Park and work with the Neighbourhood Nuisance Team, Wyke Neighbourhood Team and HCaL Park Rangers in relation to reported Anti-Social-Behaviour (ASB). A group of people causing concern near the park entrance next to the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust building have been monitored and questioned by the Police and Neighbourhood Nuisance Team; this situation has, at time of preparing the briefing, improved.	

Neighbourhood Nuisance Team Update

2.2 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team in partnership with Humberside Police continue to monitor Princes Avenue to identify street beggars and rough sleepers, offer support and advice in signposting to homeless charities and

hostels. Where appropriate, action is taken against aggressive and persistent beggars.

- 2.3 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer supports Humberside Police and other partner agencies in relation to Operation Forager. Patch walks across the Avenues area were conducted over a 5 hour period, with a drugs dog. Several people were searched and spoken to, support offered where necessary by partner agencies, and positive action was taken against those found to be committing criminal offences.
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police continue to monitor street drinkers and drug users in the Princes Avenue, Pearson Park, Old Railway Line Track and Stepney Station areas. Information leaflets have previously been handed out regarding the Public Spaces Protection Order in place. A number of dispersal orders have been issued, support has been offered to those engaged with, the numbers of people have reduced significantly, this continues to be monitored as the old Railway Line is closed for refurbishment.
- 2.5 Further reports have been received by the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police of ASB and criminal offences relating to visitors to a property on All Saints Street. Joint work continues between the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer, Housing staff, Humberside Police and other partner agencies and organisations. Professionals' meetings take place on a regular basis and this case continues to be monitored.
- 2.6 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is working with Housing colleagues and Humberside Police in relation to reports of drug dealing from a property at Henson Villas. A drugs warrant has been carried out which was negative. A letter outlining the tenancy obligations has been sent to the tenant however complaints continue; this continues to be investigated and the tenant offered support and advice regarding their behaviour and managing their tenancy.

3. Bricknell Ward

- 3.1 Update on current community priorities incorporating Neighbourhood Policing Team comments:

Priority 1	Cropton Park
The partnership approach has continued between the Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhood Nuisance Team, Humberside Police and the Fire and Rescue Services to address this priority. The number of incidents in the park has remained at the same level over recent weeks. There was one incident of offensive graffiti in the play park. The park continues to be subject to several joint partnership patrols. These patrols are continuing. Changes to the landscaping of the park have taken place to reduce the impact of ASB.	

Neighbourhood Nuisance Team Update

- 3.2 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer, Humberside Police and Bricknell Neighbourhood Team conducted a winter light up campaign at Hartoft Shops, a number of local residents were spoken to, information leaflets handed out with contact details for reporting ASB issues. Home and cycle security items were handed out and information provided on staying safe during the winter.
- 3.3 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer, Humberside Police and the Area Team are working with the local community in relation to complaints of youths causing issues in the Hartoft Road and Hutton Close area. One person has been identified, enquiries continue, and the area is being monitored.
- 3.4 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer are working with Sheltered Housing Wardens and Housing colleagues in relation to a neighbour dispute on Hutton Close; investigations and support continues.
- 3.5 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is working with Housing colleagues and Humberside Police in relation to complaints about the condition of a property and the behaviour of a tenant on Grammar School Road.
- 3.6 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is working with Humberside Police in relation to a neighbour dispute and alleged threats on Appleton Road.
- 3.7 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is working with Housing colleagues and Humberside Fire and Rescue in relation to a complaint regarding a bonfire and fireworks causing concern for residents in the Cropton Road area.
- 3.8 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is working with Housing colleagues and East Riding of Yorkshire Council in relation to complaints of a large amount of rubbish and bulky waste in a garden on Dent Road, as well as noise nuisance and criminal matters. This continues to be investigated and monitored.
- 3.9 Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Police continue to monitor Cropton Park, Barrowman Pub cycle track and Hartoft Shops working closely with residents, Police, Fire Brigade and other council staff to tackle ASB issues, in particular complaints regarding youths leaving litter, causing damage, starting fires, nuisance motorbikes and breach of social distancing.

4. Central Ward

- 4.1 Update on current community priorities incorporating Neighbourhood Policing Team comments.

Priority 1	ASB & Nuisance Motorbikes in central ward parks
Partners agreed to look at each park separately as the problems differ, then targeted work and problem solving packages can be arranged to suit the specific problems. Waterloo Park to be looked at first and a list of names has been compiled by the Community Beat Manager and sent to ensure appropriate action is taken against identified persons.	

Neighbourhood Nuisance Team Update

- 4.2 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is working with Humberside Police in relation to a neighbour dispute which has resulted in a hate incident being reported in the Aldbro Close area, this continues to be investigated.
- 4.3 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer continues to work jointly with Humberside Police, Together Housing and other partners in relation to complaints of ASB and other criminal offences on Needlers Way. A letter drop has been conducted by the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Together Housing. The Local Policing Team have conducted 'Humber talking' in the area, and residents have been spoken to. The situation continues to be monitored.
- 4.4 Joint work continues between the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer, Housing staff, Humberside Police and other partner agencies and organisations in the Sykes Street area regarding reports of ASB and damage, this continues to be monitored.
- 4.5 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer continues to work jointly with Humberside Police and other partner agencies in relation to complaints of drug dealing and ASB in relation to the occupants of an address on Vane Street. A drugs warrant has been carried out and multi-agency work continues. A charging outcome by Humberside Police for offences at the address will determine future action.
- 4.6 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer continues to monitor a complaint relating to a noise nuisance and animal related noise in the Shakespeare Close area. Partner agencies are involved and working together to resolve the issues.
- 4.7 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer works with Housing colleagues and Humberside Police in relation to reports of drug dealing from a property on Woodbine Close, a drugs warrant has been carried out and was a positive outcome, a charging outcome by Humberside Police for offences at the address will determine future action. A letter outlining the tenancy obligations has been sent to the tenant, this continues to be monitored
- 4.8 Reports have been received by the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police of ASB and criminal offences in the Jubilee Square area. Joint work continues between the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer,

Housing staff and Humberside Police. A charging outcome by Humberside Police for offences at the address will determine future action.

- 4.9 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer issued a tenancy warning letter to a resident of New George Street after reports of noise nuisance and ASB, the case continues to be monitored.
- 4.10 Further reports have been received by the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police of ASB and criminal offences in the Cheadle Close area. Joint work continues between the Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer, Housing staff, Humberside Police and other partner agencies and organisations. A letter drop has been conducted in the area; the case continues to be monitored.
- 4.11 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police have received reports of drug dealing and ASB in the Londesborough Street area. A letter drop has been conducted in the area; the case continues to be monitored.
- 4.12 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer have conducted letter drop to residents in the Park Street area after complaints of noise, ASB and Criminal Damage have been reported to Humberside Police, this continues to be monitored.
- 4.13 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer and Humberside Police have conducted a street surgery in the Hadleigh Close area after complaints from residents of drug dealing. A number of residents were spoken to, and advice given.
- 4.14 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer has worked with Humberside Police and a local resident in relation to a neighbour dispute on Lichfield Close which resulted in criminal damage being committed to a property. One person has been arrested, and bailed, this case is being monitored due to the ongoing police investigation.
- 4.15 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer has been working with Housing colleagues in relation to complaints of noise nuisance and ASB from a property in Clowes Building, this continues to be monitored.
- 4.16 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team in partnership with Humberside Police continue to monitor the Springbank area to identify street beggars and rough sleepers, offer support and advice in relation to homeless charities and hostels who could help individuals. Enforcement action will be considered against aggressive and persistent beggars.
- 4.17 The Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer is working with Humberside Police colleagues and Neighbourhood Coordinator take part in a Police Event Bus Day on Central Ward, conducting a number of visits to different problem areas on the ward and speak to local residents regarding any issues they maybe be facing.

4.18 Regular meetings with Central Neighbourhood Team and Humberside Police to monitor issues, any ongoing problems are being managed as part of 'daily business'

5. Environmental Enforcement Unit – Wyke Area Activity

5.1 The Environmental Enforcement Team continue to carry out patrols in the neighbourhood in relation to reports of environmental neighbourhood nuisance such as fly tipping, untidy land, littering and dog fouling. Liaison continues with the Neighbourhood Team in order to identify localities which may benefit from the use of mobile CCTV cameras or the deployment of Litter Enforcement personnel. In addition, fly tip material is being removed from private land in the Avenue ward due to ward budget allocation for this purpose.

6. Fire and Rescue Update

6.1 Humberside Fire and Rescue have attended 17 nuisance fires in the Wyke area; 2 in Avenue, 2 in Bricknell and 14 in Central wards. Details of incidents are forwarded to the Neighbourhood Team for consideration of any targeted multi-agency work.

7. Hate Crimes & Hate Incidents

7.1 **Hate Crime** – The term 'hate crime' can be used to describe a range of criminal offences where the perpetrator is motivated by hostility or demonstrates hostility towards the victim's disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

7.2 These aspects of a person's identity are known as 'protected characteristics'. A hate crime can include verbal abuse, intimidation, threats, harassment, assault and bullying, as well as damage to property. The perpetrator can also be a friend, carer or acquaintance who exploits their relationship with the victim for financial gain or some other criminal purpose.

7.3 **Hate Incident** – A 'hate incident' is an incident that does not amount to a criminal offence but is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by a prejudice towards one of the protected characteristics. Although no crime is actually committed, Police Forces across England and Wales are duty bound to record all these incidents and investigate them if appropriate.

7.4 The below table shows the number of hate crimes recorded by Humberside Police over the last 3 months with hate incidents in brackets;

Ward	September	October	November	Three-month Total
Avenue	11 (1)	9 (1)	5 (0)	12 (4)
Bricknell	0 (0)	1 (0)	2 (1)	3 (1)
Central	17 (4)	32 (4)	18 (5)	67 (13)

Total	25 (8)	23 (2)	25 (5)	72 (15)
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- 7.5 In addition to the above figures recorded by Humberside Police, the Council's Neighbourhood Nuisance Team have received the following new hate crime/incident reports:

Ward	October	November	December	Three-month total
Avenue	0	0	0	0
Bricknell	0	0	0	0
Central	3	3	0	6
Total	3	3	0	6

8. Community Payback Update

- 8.1 Due to lockdown restrictions there has been limited Community Payback activity in the ward. The Neighbourhood Team will be notified when the full service resumes.

9. Conclusions and Next Steps

- 9.1 The Wyke Neighbourhood Team will continue to update Ward Councillors through Ward Councillor briefing meetings.

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