

Partnership has agreed to support. In addition to this, several actions have been agreed by the partnership to help reduce vehicle fires, hoax calls and anti-social fires. They are:

- The development of intelligent working practices to identify hotspots for arson, including vehicle fires and anti-social fires.
- The use of CCTV to prevent and deter hoax calls made to the emergency services.

Drugs and Alcohol

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership have agreed several actions to help reduce the use of drugs and alcohol. They include:

- The development and delivery of Knowsley's Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.



- An increase in the effective and appropriate use of Crack House Closure Notices.
- The delivery of appropriate drugs and alcohol services for young people and adults.

Performance management

Each partner is committed to ensuring that they undertake the work for which they are responsible and reports on progress will be fed regularly to Community Area Forums and published in the Knowsley Partnership Annual Report.

However, crime and disorder affects everyone and will only be reduced effectively by the whole community working together. My colleagues and I look forward to working with residents during the next three years to make Knowsley a safer place to live and work.



Chief Superintendent Mark Barrow,
Chair of Knowsley Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

You can also get this information in other formats. Please phone Customer Services on 0151 443 3197, or email customerservices@knowsley.gov.uk

Designed by Knowsley Council Communications. Copyright © 2005 Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley

To view a copy of the full Crime Reduction Strategy please visit the website at <http://crime.theknowsleypartnership.org.uk>

A message from Chief Superintendent Mark Barrow, Chair of Knowsley Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

As Area Commander in Knowsley it gives me great pride and pleasure to present the key achievements made since the launch of the second Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy in 2002, together with a summary of the latest Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy which covers the period 2005-2008.

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, one of the multi-agency groups which form the Knowsley Partnership, seeks to achieve sustainable reductions in crime, disorder and the misuse of drugs across the borough of Knowsley. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership was established in 1998 and has achieved much during this period.

Key achievements and progress made towards making Knowsley safer since the implementation of the 2002-2005 Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy

Key Achievements

- Since the Prime Minister's announcement introducing the Prolific and Other Priority Offenders Strategy, Knowsley has developed a steering group to take forward all elements of this strategy to ensure that the partnership reduces re-offending rates and crime levels across the borough.

The steering group is made up of representatives from key agencies that deal with offenders and aims to offer what is described as a premium service to prevent and deter, catch and convict, resettle and rehabilitate Knowsley's prolific offender population.

The group's mechanism for identifying prolific offenders is transparent, robust and objective and has been seen as excellent practice across Merseyside and other parts of the country.

- Knowsley's Drug and Alcohol Action Team has enabled 698 people to enter treatment for drug abuse.

- Merseyside Police have adopted Neighbourhood Policing and have organised their borough-wide policing activity into six neighbourhood areas. In addition to this, members of the extended police family, such as Police Community Support Officers, have also organised their activities around these neighbourhoods. This has been very beneficial to the borough of Knowsley and has also allowed the Local Authority's Neighbourhood Warden Scheme to organise their patrols and teams around the same areas.

- An evaluation of Knowsley's initial Neighbourhood Warden Scheme, commissioned by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, found that the scheme was having a positive impact on the local communities where it was in operation and was an example of excellent >

The Knowsley Partnership
Working Together for Knowsley

< practice. Based on this success, it was agreed that the scheme should be expanded to cover the whole of Knowsley, making it the largest Neighbourhood Warden Scheme in the UK. The expansion of the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme complements the neighbourhood policing approach and enables each of the warden schemes to report on performance to the six Community Area Forums.

- A Safer Schools Working Group has been established and a schools' security advisor has been appointed resulting in reductions in burglaries from Knowsley schools.
- The 14-19 Collegiate has been developed which is a non-academic programme that works with some of the most challenging young people.
- Walking buses have been introduced in all areas of the borough providing a safer, healthier way for young people to travel to and from school.

- Knowsley was one of only eleven authorities that were successful in applying for Designated Area Status under the new Countryside and Rights of Way Act. Designated Areas Status enables the council to apply for permanent closure of footpaths and alleyways that are subject to persistent criminal and anti-social behaviour.
- The first 'Crack House Closure Notice' has been issued.
- Theft of motor vehicles has been reduced by 27.3% between 1st April 2001 and 31st March 2004 and is continuing to decrease in 2005.
- Robberies have decreased by 23.9% in Knowsley between 1st April 2001 and 31st March 2004 and there have been further reductions in 2005.

However, there are areas of crime that are still increasing and as such will be treated as priorities by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership over the next three years. These priorities will form the basis of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2005-2008.

Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2005-2008

Summary

To continue the positive work that has already taken place in Knowsley an extensive audit of crime in the borough has been carried out, analysing 14 crime types to enable the partnership to determine whether crimes were increasing or decreasing and to compare them with similar and neighbouring boroughs. The partnership then consulted with residents of Knowsley and special interest groups around levels of crime, disorder and drugs. The consultation process included holding workshops, which were attended by over 300 people at each of the six area forums. Discussions were held with a number of groups including: the Community Empowerment Network; Older People's Voice; Youth Parliament; Survivors of Domestic Abuse; and secondary and primary school head teachers. This process helped to establish key priorities for the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and to develop a crime reduction strategy that includes targets, actions and outcomes for all agencies and organisations represented on the partnership.

The identified key priorities are:

Acquisitive Crime

- Theft from motor vehicle
- Domestic burglary
- Non-domestic burglary

Violent Crime

- Violence against the person
- Domestic violence/abuse

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Youth disorder
- Disorder
- Arson

Underpinning these priorities are issues around drugs and alcohol and fear of crime levels.

Each of these priority crimes have a series of targets, actions and outcomes that need to be achieved by 2007/08.

Acquisitive Crime

Burglary

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership aims to achieve a 30% reduction in the number of burglaries from 16.8 per 1,000 dwellings to 11.76 per 1,000 dwellings by 2007/08.

Non-domestic Burglary

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership aims to achieve a 31% reduction in the number of non-domestic burglaries from 7.99 per 1,000 population to 5.5 per 1,000 population by 2007/08.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

The target for reducing theft from motor vehicle is 28% - bringing the number of thefts down from 11.81 to 8.5 per 1,000 population in 2007/08.

Violent Crime

Violence Against a Person

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership aims to reduce violent crime by 15% from 16.37 incidents per 1,000 population to 13.92 incidents per 1,000 population in 2007/08.

Domestic Violence/Abuse

There are no targets to reduce domestic violence as the partnership does not wish to discourage reporting of such incidents. However, the partnership has agreed to deliver a number of actions to help support survivors of domestic violence, including:

- The appointment of a dedicated health worker for domestic abuse.



- Completion and opening of a domestic violence refuge.
- The development of a programme for drug and alcohol using perpetrators of domestic violence in partnership with the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Youth Disorder

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership have agreed a series of actions to address the problem of youth disorder in the borough. They include:

disorder in the borough. They include:

- The development of a package to educate people around the effects of anti-social behaviour.
- The development of a programme of targeted support to children and young people at risk of anti-social behaviour or offending.
- The development of a series of sustainable diversionary activities for children and young people focussed on 'hotspot' areas of youth disorder.

Disorder

The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership have also agreed a series of actions to address the problem of disorder in the borough. They include:

- The discouragement of sales campaigns that encourage 'binge drinking'.
- The effective use of Section 30 Dispersal Orders.
- The development of early intervention approaches for problematic tenants.
- The development of a CCTV rapid deployment policy to allow rapid response cameras to be deployed in crime and disorder hotspots.
- The deployment of high visibility patrols.
- The development of Neighbourhood Action Groups to deal with issues at a neighbourhood level.

Arson

Each geographical area within the Fire & Rescue Service has set targets to reduce arson and hoax calls which the Crime and Disorder Reduction

