

AREA 1 FORUM

Monday, 4 April 2005

6.30 p.m.

Community Centre,
Middlestone Moor

AGENDA and REPORTS

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES**2. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2005. (Pages 1 - 6)

3. POLICE REPORT

A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics and initiatives in the area.

4. SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

A representative of Sedgfield Primary Care Trust will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures. (Pages 7 - 10)

5. CAVOS

Arrangements have been made for Gillian Fortune, Chief Executive, CAVOS to attend the meeting to give details of the work of CAVOS and its strategic direction.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER AUDIT

The results of the Crime and Disorder Audit held at the Forum meeting on 25th October 2004 are attached for information. (Pages 11 - 14)

7. SPENNYMOOR ROAD SAFETY WORKING PARTY

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of Spennymoor Road Safety Local Working Party held on 10th March 2005 is attached for information. (Pages 15 - 16)

8. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed at the Council Annual General Meeting on 20th May 2005.

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To consider any other business which, with the consent of the Chairman, may be submitted. Representatives are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive Officer notice of items to be raised under this heading no later than 12 noon on the Friday preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

N. Vaulks
Chief Executive Officer

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
24th March 2005

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Membership of Forum

Sedgefield Borough Council

Councillor J. M. Khan (Chairman)
Councillor A. Smith (Vice-Chairman) and

Councillors Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, M. T. B Jones, B.M. Ord,
G.W. Scott, Mrs. C. Sproat, K. Thompson and W. Waters

Spennymoor Town Council

Councillors Mrs. S. Fleetham and Mrs. E. Summerson

Durham County Council

Councillors E. Foster and N.C. Foster

Tudhoe Grange Comprehensive School Council

Victoria Hall

Spennymoor Comprehensive School Council

J. Palmer and P. Lenagh

Church of England Representative

To be confirmed.

Spennymoor Police

Chief Superintendent M. Banks

Sedgefield Primary Care Trust

Mrs. M. Fordham and Mrs. G. Wills

Tudhoe Community Centre

J. Smith

New Life Community Church

R. Gibson

CAVOS

G. Fortune

Community Empowerment Network

Anne Frizell

Spennymoor Pub Watch

C. Fletcher

Spennymoor Chamber of Trade

J. Welsh

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators

R. Campion & Mrs. E. Croft

The Oaks Residents Association

S. Bright

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Item 2

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 1 FORUM

Council Chamber,
Town Hall,
Spennymoor

Monday, 14 February
2005

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor J.M. Khan (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor Mrs. B. Graham	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor M.T.B. Jones	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B.M. Ord	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Smith	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. C. Sproat	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor K. Thompson	– Sedgefield Borough Council
Chief Inspector G. Hall	- Durham Constabulary
Inspector S. Winship	- Durham Constabulary
Councillor E. Foster	- Durham County Council
Councillor N. Foster	- Durham County Council
Mrs. E. Croft	- Neighbourhood Watch
Mrs. M. Fordham	- Sedgefield PCT
Councillor Mrs.S.A. Fleetham	- Spennymoor Town Council
M.H. Farrow	- Local Resident
R. Stewart	- Local Resident

In

Attendance: Mrs. G. Garrigan

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Gray – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G.W. Scott – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor W. Waters – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. E. Summerson – Spennymoor Town Council
D. Gordon – Local Resident

AF(1)34/04 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December, 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(1)35/04 POLICE REPORT

Inspector S. Winship was present at the meeting to give details of crime figures for the area.

It was reported that total crime had decreased by 9.1% compared with the previous year.

The following types of crime had all decreased:

Burglary (dwelling)	44.3%	Decrease
Burglary (other)	23.2%	Decrease
Vehicle crime	19.6%	Decrease
Violent crime	18.5%	Decrease
Theft	8.4%	Decrease

The only crime to show an increase was criminal damage, which had increased by 10%.

It was pointed out that the overall detection rate for January 2005 was 28.9%.

With regard to criminal damage, it was noted that the Police, in conjunction with the Borough Council, were tightening up the protocols for dealing with signal crimes such as graffiti, litter and vandalism to ensure that they were dealt with within agreed timescales.

It was pointed out that the incidents of nuisance caused by youths was lower in Sedgefield Borough than anywhere else within the force, likewise public disorder was also lower than in other areas.

Specific reference was made to the Licensing Act 2003, which had come into force on 7th February 2005. It was reported that the Police would require very stringent criteria to be met for them to support any applications for longer licensing hours for the sale of alcohol within Spennymoor.

Reference was also made to an initiative currently being developed with headteachers of local schools to identify pupils drinking alcohol under age within public houses.

Concern was expressed regarding the increase of anti-social behaviour problems on the York Hill area over recent weeks. Inspector Winship reported that the Police were currently reviewing the situation.

The request was also made for the Police to more regularly patrol the Middlestone Moor area by car especially between the hours of 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

The Forum's attention was also drawn to the fact that the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership had recently appointed a new Co-ordinator – Helen Stewart, who was based at Chilton Depot.

AF(1)36/04

SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Melanie Fordham, Sedgefield PCT, attended the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures.

Specific reference was made to the report "Achieving Patient Access Targets and Baseline Performance Requirements" which had been considered at the Trust's Board meeting on Thursday 10th February 2005.

It was noted that the targets with regard to access to a GP within 2 working days and a Primary Health Care Professional within 1 day had continued to be met.

It was pointed out that no patient had waited more than 17 weeks for an outpatient appointment, however, one patient had waited more than 9 months to become an in-patient.

With regard to the North East Ambulance Service, the target of response to 75% of calls to life threatening emergencies within 8 minutes had not been achieved. The actual performance was 64%. It was reported that officers at the PCT were working closely with the Ambulance Service to try and improve performance.

With regard to the number of patients through A and E within 4 hours, it was noted that the target of 98% had not been met on a number of occasions, particularly in relation to the University Hospital of Durham.

Reference was also made to a patient survey, which was currently being undertaken whereby 800 patients were randomly selected to complete a questionnaire. The results of the survey would be published prior to the announcement of the PCT's star rating.

A request was made for information to be provided to a future meeting on the number of deaths that had occurred at Bishop Auckland Hospital due to MRSA.

Reference was also made to the Public Health Annual Report Workshop to be held the following night at the Memorial Room, Spennymoor Town Hall at 7.00 p.m. It was explained that the event had been organised to assist the Director of Public Health to shape her annual report around the needs of particular localities.

AF(1)37/04

STREET SAFE INITIATIVE

It was explained that Chief Inspector Hall had been invited to attend the meeting to give a presentation on the StreetSafe Initiative, which included the background to the initiative, its aims, themes, etc., and some of the successes which had been achieved so far.

Chief Inspector Hall explained that there had been a significant reduction in crime in the area over the past year. Between 1993 and 2003 crime in County Durham and Darlington fell by around 25% in real terms. In 2003/04 the area had one of the lowest rate of crimes per head of population in England and Wales. Durham Constabulary had one of the best detection rates and the highest number of police officers in the recent history of the Force. However despite those facts, the results of the last British Crime Survey showed that residents of

County Durham and Darlington had one of the highest levels of fear of anti-social behaviour and disorder in the country. The StreetSafe Initiative aimed to tackle that conundrum.

It was explained that the aim of the initiative was to harness the energies of the communities, partners and the whole of Durham Constabulary to address crime, the fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and those quality of life issues that contributed to making people feel vulnerable.

The Forum was informed that the initiative aimed to increase re-assurance through visibility, accessibility and familiarity, creating an environment where the public felt safe. The initiative recognised the significant contribution that prevention, investigation and detection of crime, coupled with successful apprehension and prosecution of offenders made towards public re-assurance.

It was also hoped that the initiative would aid in the gathering of community intelligence, the use of problem solving initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour and signal crimes and enhance community engagement.

The initiative had a number of themes which were:

- Police presence in the community
- Environment and physical factors
- Effective response
- Communication and public engagement

It was pointed out that for the initiative to be successful there needed to be partnership working with other agencies such as local authorities and community groups.

A video was then shown detailing some of the areas where the initiative had been put in place.

With regard to the theme – Police Presence in the Community – specific reference was made to National Alcohol Campaigns that had recently been run in the area, the multi-agency visits to licensed premises, the appointment of an additional PCSO for Spennymoor who would be patrolling the streets by April as well as the recruitment drive to appoint more Special Constables.

The Forum was also given details of the protocols that had been drawn up for the removal of graffiti and untaxed vehicles. Reference was also made to the Arson Reduction Strategy that had recently been launched.

In respect of the theme – Effective Response – the Forum was informed of the Test Purchasing Scheme and Drugs Intervention Programme that had been introduced.

Chief Inspector Hall requested that the StreetSafe Initiative be included on the agenda of future meetings of the Forum to ensure that Members were updated on progress.

It was explained that the 'Police Report' was a standard item on the agenda and an update on StreetSafe Initiative could be given under that item.

AF(1)38/04 LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Local Strategic Partnership Board Meeting held on 20th October 2004. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(1)39/04 SPENNYMOOR ROAD SAFETY WORKING PARTY

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Spennymoor Road Safety Local Working Party held on 11th November 2004. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was reported that at the meeting of the Road Safety Working Party held on Thursday 13th January 2005 it had been agreed that the Town and Borough Councils should be consulted regarding the possibility of incorporating the work of the Road Safety Working Party into Area 1 Forum.

AF(1)40/04 QUESTIONS

Middlestone Moor Play Facility

Mr. Stewart from Middlestone Moor Residents Association gave details of the proposed development by the Residents Association of a new play facility and the need to find sources of funding to cover the cost of construction/maintenance.

Mr. Stewart requested that the Town Council considered the possibility of making a contribution towards the scheme.

It was explained that the Town Council would only be able to consider the request if it was put in writing to the Clerk of the Town Council, who would arrange for the matter to be submitted to the appropriate Committee.

AF(1)41/04 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th April, 2005 at 6.30 p.m. in Middlestone Moor Community Centre.

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Board Meeting Thursday 10 March 2005

Title of Report: Achieving Patient Access Targets and Baseline Performance Requirements

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Board members of the performance achieved by all provider Trusts from which are commissioned Acute services for the Sedgefield population.

2 Connection with Sedgefield PCT's 4 Key Objectives/Pillars

Performance monitoring against national/local standards is fundamental to 'Improving Health Services'.

3 Background Detail

3.1 Access Incentive Scheme

Access Fund Capital was established by the Department of Health in 2003/04 for a three year period with the aim of rewarding NHS organisations for making progress towards improving access across all primary, acute and mental health services including waiting in A&E and inpatient and outpatient waiting times and lists.

Payments are as follows:-

Time Period	Amount per NHS Trust and PCT	Conditions
Quarter ending 30 June 2004	£77 600 capital - achieved	Delivery of all targets specified below during the quarter
Quarter ending 30 Sept 2004	£38 800 capital	
Quarter ending 31 Dec 2004	£38 800 capital	
Quarter ending 31 March 2005	£38 800 capital	

The fund is to be managed at Strategic Health Authority level, who were responsible for designing the targets and monitoring progress.

All the targets listed below have to be delivered by the PCT during the quarter to be eligible for payment. Part payment for achievement of some but not all the targets is not possible.

Quarter 4 Progress

Target	Operational Standard	Success Criteria	Progress to Date for Q4
Primary Care Access	Achieve 100% by February 2005	Incremental targets throughout the year	No breaches up to February

Waiting List	No patients waiting against 17	No month end	One 9 month
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Breaches	week outpatient, 9 month inpatient, 6 month revascularisation standards at month ends	breaches throughout the quarter	breach end of Nov
Cancer: 2 Week Wait breaches	No patient will wait more than 2 weeks from an urgent GP referral for suspected cancer to date first seen as an outpatient	No breaches in quarter	No breaches up to end of December
No. receiving assertive outreach services	Deliver assertive outreach to the adult patients with severe mental illness who regularly disengage from services	Achievement of LDP target* in each quarter	Achieved

3.2 Summary of Current Position

Please note that where appropriate, this month's performance is measured against the latest Local Delivery Plan trajectories submitted to the Strategic Health Authority. It is important to note that targets for inpatients and outpatients have changed from 2003/4. For inpatients, the maximum wait is now 9 months and for outpatients, the maximum wait is 17 weeks. The tables below have been amended to demonstrate this.

January/February

Description of Target	Achieved	Trajectory
Ensure 100% of patients who wish to do so can see a primary health care professional within 1 working day and a GP within 2 working days by December 2004.		
Access to GP:	100%	100%
Access to Primary Care Professional:	100%	100%
A&E: - % patients through A&E within 4 hours (CD&D only) Reduce to four hours the maximum wait in A&E from arrival to admission, transfer or discharge, by March 2004 for those Trusts who have completed the Emergency Services Collaborative and by the end of 2004 for all others.		
30th January 2005	97.6%	98%
06 th February 2005	97.1%	98%
13 th February 2005	98.7%	98%
20 th February 2005	97.0%	98%

January

Description of Target	Achieved	Trajectory
Inpatients: Achieve a maximum wait of 9 months for all inpatient waiters and reduce the number of 6-month in-patient waiters by 40% by March 2004, as progress towards achieving a maximum 6 month wait for inpatients by December 2005 and a 3 month maximum wait by 2008.		
No. of 9 month breaches	0	0
6 to <9 months	148	73
0 to < 6 months	1174	1289
Outpatients: Achieve a maximum wait of 4 months (17 weeks) for an outpatient appointment and reduce the number of over 13-week outpatient waiters by March 2004, as progress towards achieving a maximum wait of 3 months for an outpatient appointment by December 2005.		
No. of 17 week breaches	0	0
13 to <17 Weeks	139	108

North East Ambulance Service: Ambulance services must achieve an 8 minute response to 75% of calls to life threatening emergencies.		
% Cat A Incidents responded to within 8 mins	51.9%	75%
% Cat A Incidents responded to between 8 - 19 mins	46.8%	25%
% Cat A Incidents responded to in over 19 mins	1.3%	0%

Description of Target				Acute, Community & Mental Health	
Delayed Transfers: Improve the quality of life and independence of older people so that they can live at home wherever possible, by increasing by March 2006 the number of those supported intensively to live at home to 30% of the total being supported by social services at home.					
			Mental Health		
	Acute Trusts	Community Hospitals	Learning Disabilities	Mental Illness	Old Age Psychiatry
Week Ending 10/02/2005	0	0	2		3
Average Delays in Days	0	0	339.5		94.3
Reasons			Residential/ Nursing Home Unavailable – 2 (SS)		Awaiting Care Funding Package - 1 (SS), Other – 1 (Other), Patient/family exercising choice –1 (SS/NHS)
Cancer: Maintain existing cancer waiting time standards and set local waiting time targets for 2003/04 and 2004/05 so that by the end of December 2005 there is a maximum of one month from diagnosis to treatment, and two months from urgent referral to treatment for all cancers.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to refer within 24 hours • Trust to see patient within 14 days 					
No. of cancer breaches (December)				0	
No. of cancer breaches (December)				0	
No. of patients waiting more than 31 days from Diagnosis to Treatment at County Durham & Darlington Acute – (December)				0	

3.3 Further Information

The attached graphs demonstrate the PCT's performance against the Local Delivery Plan trajectories in key areas.

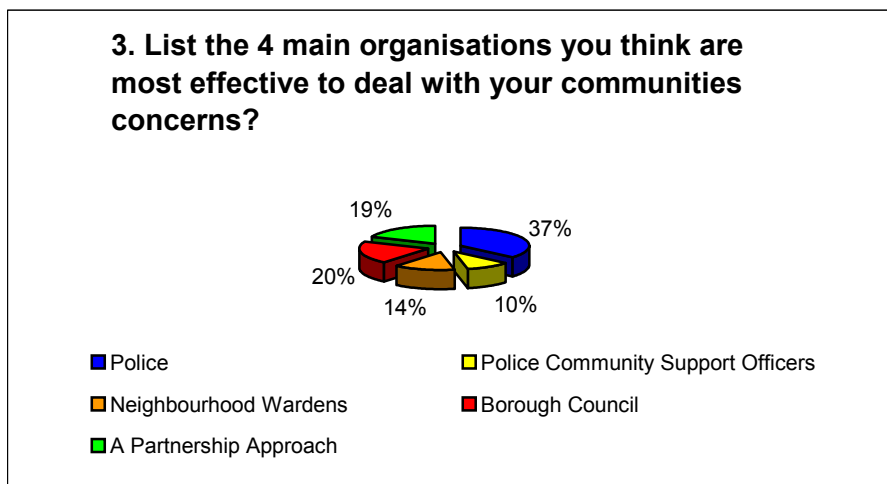
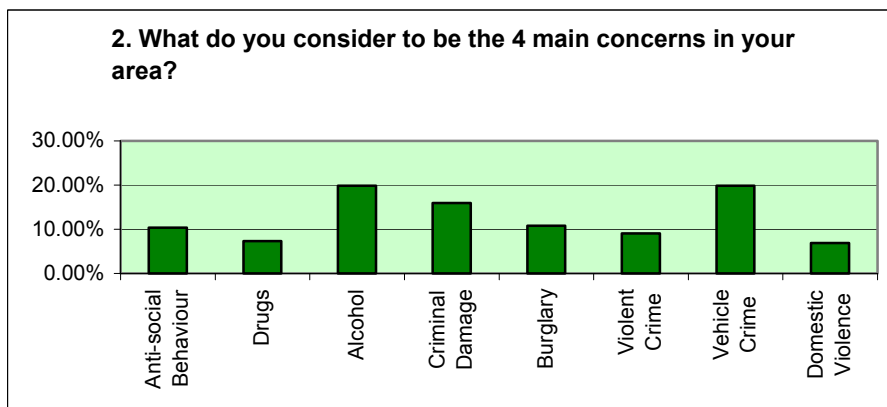
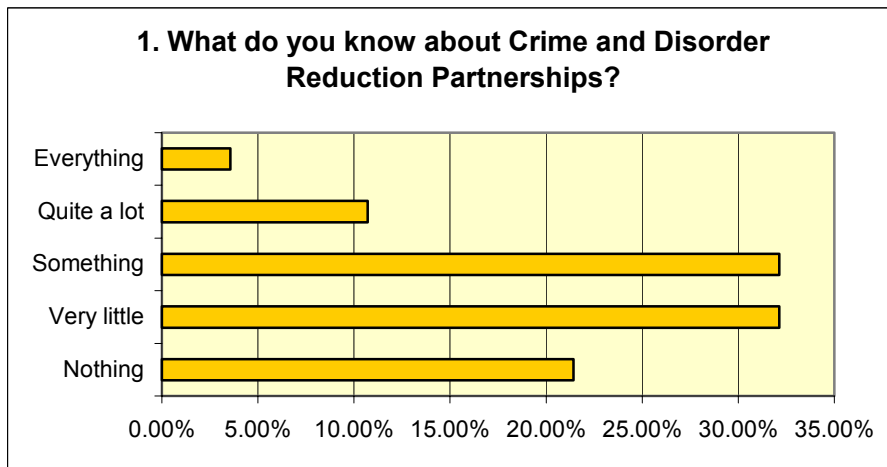
4 Recommendations

The Board receives this report for monitoring purposes.

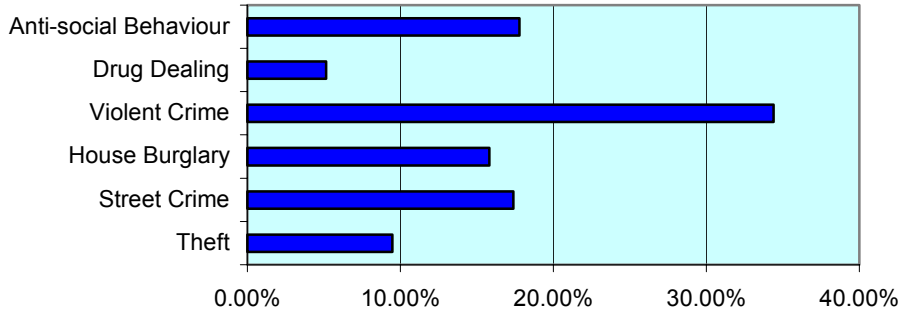
Melanie Fordham
Director of Commissioning & Performance
28th February 2004

Tables prepared by:
Usha Jacob
Performance Manager

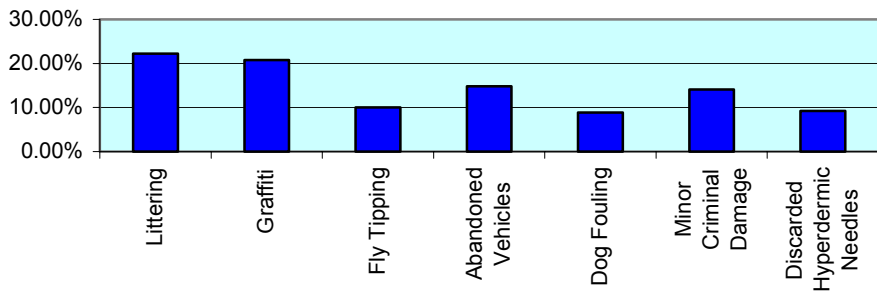
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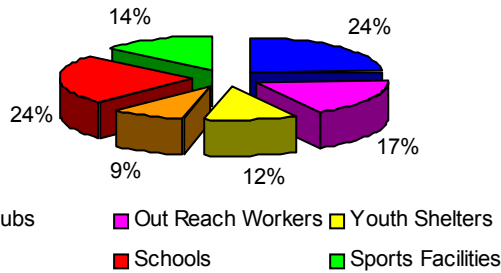
4. What do you think are the top 4 causes that promote a fear of crime in your community?



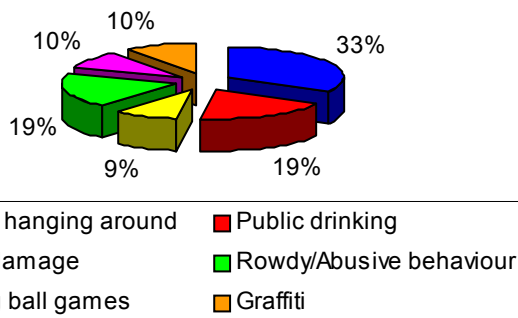
5. Which of the following could lead to a perception of neglect in your neighbourhood?



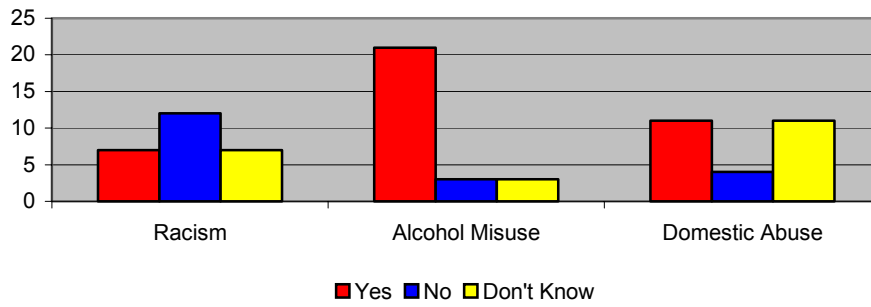
6. What do you think are the 4 most effective ways of engaging with young people?



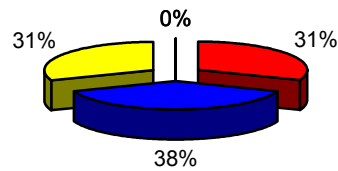
7. What are the most common types of complaint you receive from your community about Anti-Social Behaviour?



8. In your community do you think there is a problem with the following:



9. As a local forum, which do you think you are best placed to provide in order to tackle community issues?



- Financial Assistance
- Community Intelligence
- Sharing of ideas/initiatives
- Community Consultation
- Administration support
- None of the above

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PRESENT: Councillor A. Gray Chairman
Councillor Ms.S.Armstrong Spennymoor Town Council
Councillor J.V.Graham “ “ “
Councillor E.Foster Durham County Council
Inspector S. Winship Spennymoor Police

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs.A.Armstrong, N.C.Foster, Mrs.B.Graham, J.M.Khan, A.Smith and Mrs.C.Sproat.

- 62/04. **MINUTES.**
RESOLVED- That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January, 2005 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 63/04. **CARS ACCESSING THE DAISY FIELD AND GRAFFITI.**
Reference was made to Minute 49/05 and it was reported that the complaint about the tri-bikes had not been a priority job so had not been actioned immediately.
- The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting last week on the factory end of the Daisy Field. It was suggested that bollards or stones be put in place to prevent vehicle access and it was noted that it would be difficult to prevent motorcycle access.
- RESOLVED- That the information be received and noted.
- 64/04. **PARKING OF VEHICLES ON PAVEMENT.**
Reference was made to Minute 53/04 and it was reported that this matter had been brought to the attention of the police and will be monitored.
- RESOLVED- That the information be received and noted.
- 65/04. **KIRK MERRINGTON.**
Reference was made to Minute 48/04 and County Councillor E.Foster stated that a sign, relation to the weight limit of lorries, could not be placed on the road leading to Blossoms Nursery.
- RESOLVED- That the information be received and noted.
- 66/04. **SCHOOL CROSSING – CARR LANE.**
Reference was made to Minute 50/04 and County Councillor E. Foster reported that letters had been sent to all car owners who were parking on the road near to the school crossing.
- RESOLVED- That the information be received and noted.

67/04.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Reference was made to Minute 60/04 and the Chairman raised the issue of incorporating the Road Safety into the Area 1 Forum.

RESOLVED- That letters be sent to Councillor J.M.Marr and N.Vaulks with regard to this matter.

68/04.

ACCIDENT STATISTICS.

Inspector S. Winship gave a report on the Accident Statistics.

RESOLVED- That the information be received and Inspector S. Winship be thanked for the report and for his attendance.

69/04.

ROUNDBABOUT AT THE NORTH EASTERN.

It was reported that the roundabout at the top end of the High Street had been cleared of shrubs and concern was expressed that this has led to traffic approaching the roundabout faster.

RESOLVED- That the information be received and noted.

70/04.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED –That the date of the next meeting the Annual Meeting will be on Thursday 12th May, 2005 at 6.30pm.

COUNCILLOR A.GRAY
CHAIRMAN