

AREA 4 FORUM

Tuesday, 8 March 2005

6.30 p.m.

Hackworth Suite,
Shildon Sunnydale
Leisure Centre

AGENDA and REPORTS

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear later in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2005. (Pages 1 - 4)

4. POLICE REPORT

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

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. SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

A representative of Sedgefield Primary Care Trust will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER AUDIT

The results for the Crime and Disorder Audit, held at the Area Forum on 16th November 2004 are attached for information. (Pages 5 - 10)

8. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

9. 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 day preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Scheduled to be held on 3rd May 2005 at 6.30p.m. at Hackworth Suite, Shildon Sunnydale, Leisure Centre.

N. Vaulks
Chief Executive Officer

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
28th February 2005

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 4 FORUM

Hackworth Suite, Shildon
Sunnydale Leisure Centre

Tuesday, 18 January
2005

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor D.M. Hancock (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and
Councillor G.M.R. Howe – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.G. Huntington – Sedgefield Borough Council
Acting Inspector S. Ball – Durham Constabulary
PC P. Colman – Durham Constabulary
Mrs. A. Armstrong – Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
Mrs. C. Vasey – Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
Mrs. J. Johnson – New Shildon Residents Association
J. Smith – Local Resident
C. Hind – Local Resident

Apologies: Councillor J.M. Smith - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. I. Jackson Smith - Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Smith – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor H. Robinson – Eldon Parish Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Goldie – Shildon Town Council
Mrs. M. Quigley – S.P.I.C.E.

AF(4)24/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

AF(4)25/04 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November, 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(4)26/04 POLICE REPORT

Acting Inspector Steve Ball was present at the meeting to give details of the crime statistics for the Shildon area.

It was explained that the total number of crimes had fallen since the last meeting. There had, however, been an increase in burglaries particularly in relation to commercial premises. There had been three dwellinghouse burglaries, 8 assaults in November and 9 in December. There had been one vehicle theft and three thefts from vehicles compared to the same period last year when it was double that number. Domestic violence had increased and there had been 40 incidents of anti-social behaviour in November compared with 23 this month so far.

A campaign had been undertaken in relation to licensed premises and the sale of alcohol to under-aged persons.

Reference was made to anti-social behaviour which was occurring outside the Salvation Army building on a Sunday evening. Police were to investigate the situation.

A query was also raised regarding the call centre at Bishop Auckland and concern was expressed that there still seemed to be isolated incidents of difficulty in contacting the call centre. It was explained that staffing capacity had increased at the call centre. However, there was a need for factual information when people were contacting the centre to enable a better response. The situation had improved and response in general was much better.

Members of the Forum were informed, however, that a new control system was to be introduced in May of this year which could cause some disruption. However, in the long term this would be a more modern IT system.

AF(4)27/04 STREET SAFE INITIATIVE

It was explained that Chief Inspector Hall had been invited to the meeting to give a presentation on the Street Safe Initiative and to outline the background to the initiative, its aims, themes, etc., and some successes which had been achieved so far. (For copy of presentation see file of Minutes).

Chief Inspector Hall explained that there had been a significant reduction in crime in the area over the last year and also a good detection rate – one of the highest in England. There were more Police officers than ever before and there had been significant achievements in fighting crime. However, despite this the area had one of the highest levels of fear of crime and in particular anti-social behaviour in the country.

The aim of the Initiative was for the force to work with the community to address the issues of crime, fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and quality of life. The Forum was informed that the Initiative aimed to increase re-assurance through this ability and accessibility, recognise the contribution of prevention, investigation and detection of crime, increase confidence in the judicial system, address anti-social behaviour issues, gather community intelligence, use problem-solving initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour and enhance community engagement.

The Initiative had a number of themes including Police presence in the community, environment and physical factors, effective response and communication and public engagement.

For the Initiative to be successful there needed to be partnership working with other agencies such as local authorities, community groups etc.

In conclusion the Initiative was about being responsive, being professional, being positive and doing the job properly.

In response to a query raised relating to anti-social behaviour it was explained that the Police were confident that there were adequate means to deal with anti-social behaviour including educating young people, engaging with young people, anti-social behaviour contracts etc. Action Plans were being drawn up to inform other agencies of their responsibilities in relation to anti-social behaviour.

The Forum considered that partnership working was the way forward and that each partner had responsibilities. It was considered important that successful initiatives were maintained and sustained. Reference was made to the success which the Litter Enforcement Officer had achieved in relation to improving the environment which could contribute to less vandalism, graffiti etc. Unfortunately the Officer was no longer in post and this issue needed to be addressed.

Reference was also made to the need to recruit Special Constables and it was queried whether young people could be encouraged to undertake that role.

The Chairman then thanked Chief Inspector Hall for an interesting and informative presentation and it was suggested that this item be placed on the agenda on a regular basis so that issues etc., could be discussed and the Initiative driven forward.

AF(4)28/04 SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST

C. Vasey and A. Armstrong were present at the meeting to update the Forum on local health matters.

It was reported that the Primary Care Trust was organising evening workshops in relation to the state of the health in Sedgfield Borough. Those seminars were to be chaired by the Chairman of the five Area Forums and would focus on issues and what could be done to promote good health. The events would be held throughout February and Members of the Forum would be informed of the dates.

The Forum was also informed of the results of the Patients Survey which the Primary Care Trust had distributed to 850 patients in the area. Each patient had been asked to comment on 66 areas of service. From the results of the surveys Sedgfield Primary Care Trust had performed well on 63 of them. The three areas which needed to be concentrated on were :

- Seeing a General Practitioner within two days,
- Dental services, and
- Referral to specialists without them having necessary information.

The Primary Care Trust had taken the comments on board and were

involving the Patient Investment Panel to find actions to rectify the situations.

AF(4)29/04 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on 8th March, 2005.

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SEDFIELD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP



Community Safety Partnership
Community Care Force Centre
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7th February 2005

Dear Liz,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to present the findings of the Community Safety Crime and Disorder Audit to the area forums. We have collated the findings of each group and have used them to inform the new strategy to take the partnership in to the next audit period of 2005 -2008.

As promised I have enclosed a copy of the findings from each group for the members attention. The full audit document and strategy will be forwarded when published.

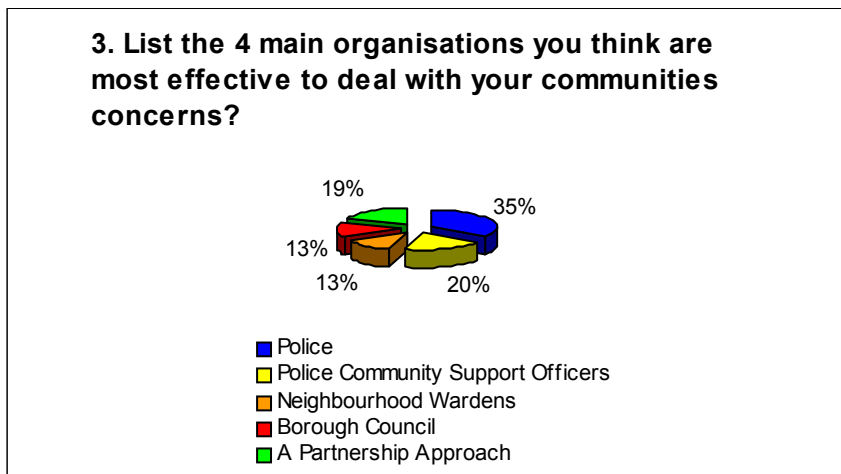
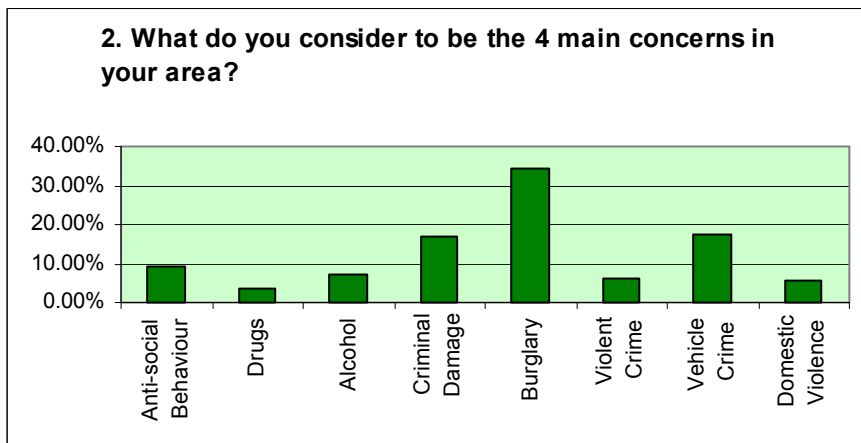
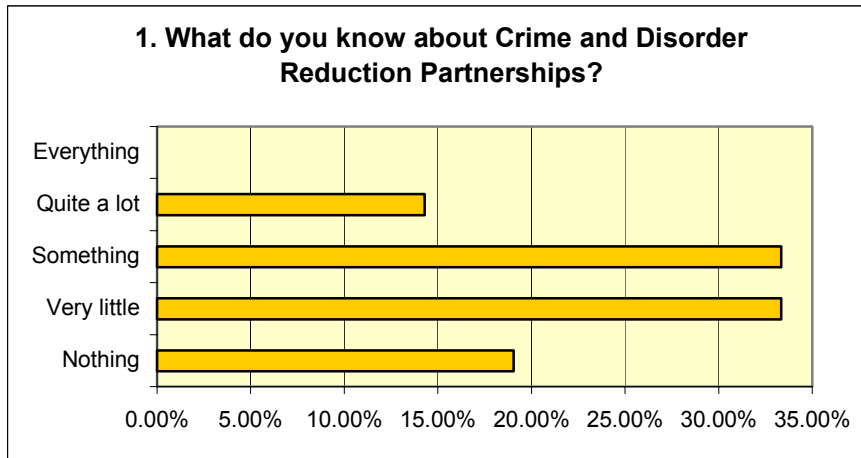
Can you please thank all those involved in the consultation for their time and involvement it was greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

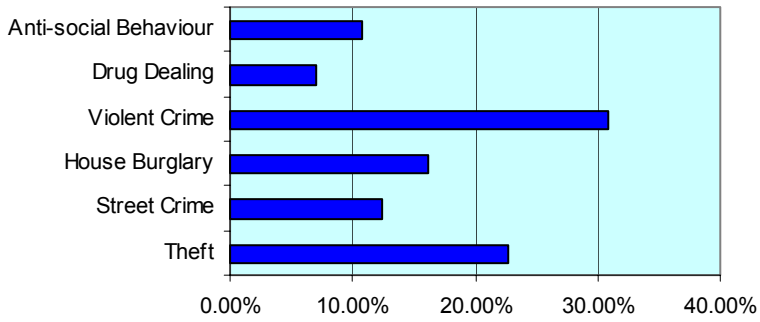
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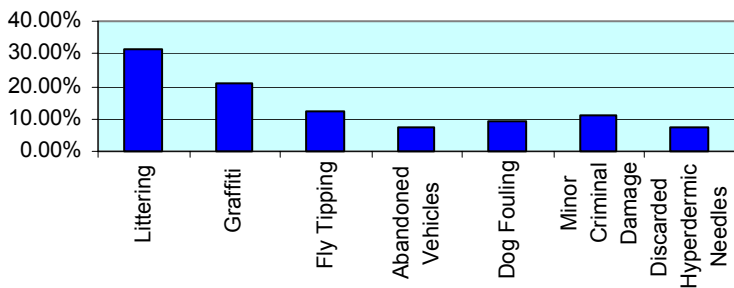
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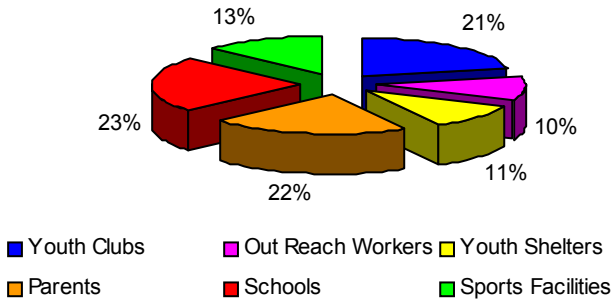
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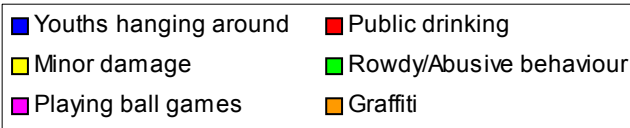
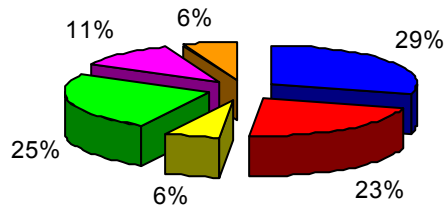
5. Which of the following could lead to a perception of neglect in your neighbourhood?



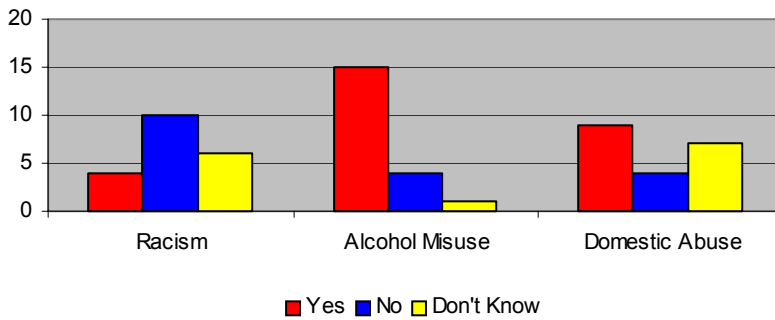
6. What do you think are the 4 most effective ways of engaging with young people?



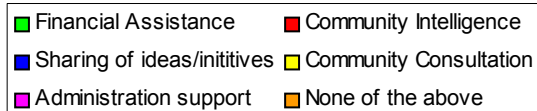
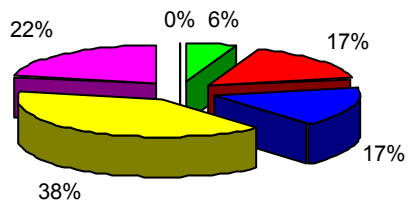
7. What are the most common types of complaint you receive from your community about Anti- Social Behaviour?



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?



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