



## COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 April 2010 at Hertsmere Borough Council.

<b>Attendees:</b>	Angela Saunders	Borough Watch
	Janet Dear	Resident
	Len Denbigh	Resident
	Anna Cappurain	Resident
	Brian Gale	Hertfordshire County Council
	Gatuthu Theuri	Resident
	Mr and Mrs Kemple	Neighbourhood Watch
	Celia Young	Neighbourhood Watch
	Phil Andrews	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Gerry Mc Cormick	Resident
	Trevor Brown	Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
	Chief Inspector Sue Jameson	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Inspector Neil Morehen	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Brenda Griffiths	Hertfordshire Police Authority
	Linda Lambert	Resident
	Mark Cheshire	Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
	Rose Newmark	Neighbourhood Watch
	Councillor Ernie Butler	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Ann Chilcot	Neighbourhood Watch
	Rod Chilcot	Resident
	Yvonne Bennett	Resident
	Debbie Wright	Resident
	Rebecca Handley	Affinity Sutton
	David Tricker	Resident
	Brenda Needham	Resident
	David Grossman	Neighbourhood Watch
	Jacqueline Townsend	Resident
	Chris Cardell-Williams	Resident
	Councillor Brenda Batten	Hertsmere Borough Council
	John Godfrey	Chair, Potters Bar Community Safety Partnership
	John Robinson	Neighbourhood Watch
	Mayor Rosemary Gilligan	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Robert Holgate	Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership
	Rodney Jakeman	Resident
	Mary Hyams	Neighbourhood Watch
	Alison Beazley	Neighbourhood Watch
	Mr and Mrs Collins	Neighbourhood Watch
	Councillor Anita Gamble	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Robert Gamble	Resident
<b>Attendees:</b>	Roy Hotchkiss	Resident

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	Eric Newman	Resident
	Mike Shrives	Neighbourhood Watch
	Liz Shrives	Neighbourhood Watch
	Guy Redshaw	Neighbourhood Watch
	Pauline Poole	Neighbourhood Watch
	Rosamund Gray	Radlett & Aldenham Good Neighbours and Radlett Society
	Barbara Meitron	Neighbourhood Watch
	Des Kerrigan	Resident
	Kerrie Eastman	Hertfordshire Probation Service
	Vivian Cooper	Neighbourhood Watch
	Peter Tiffany	Neighbourhood Watch
	Mike Sibley	Neighbourhood Watch
	S Cleasby	Resident
	A Cleasby	Resident
	Mr and Mrs Lewis	Resident
	Les Wise	Resident
	Stuart Nagler	Hertfordshire Police Authority
	Susan Hale	Resident
	Mr and Mrs Mitchell	Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council
	Mr and Mrs Liles	Resident
	Gordon Stringer	Resident
	Sue Hardy	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Donald Graham	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Hilary Shade	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor Morris Bright	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Valerie Kane	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor John Donne (Chair)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Gillian Simpson	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Loran Kingston (Minutes)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Mrs U Whitehill	Resident
	Mr and Mrs Beswick	Residents

<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	Councillor Roger Kutchinsky	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Dennis Sandor	Neighbourhood Watch
	Laurence Cohen	Neighbourhood Watch
	Kevin Fenton	Resident
	Roy Sloane	British Transport Police
	Julia Wortley	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Ivor Rosenberg	Eros Jewellers
	Councillor Miki Colne	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Doreen O'Connor	Neighbourhood Watch
	Councillor Eddie Roach	Hertsmere Borough Council

<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	Freda Stephens	Resident
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	Councillor Dan Griffin	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor Simon Patnick	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Nick Alexander	Neighbourhood Watch
	Laurie Price	Ridge Parish Council
	Derek Phillips	Neighbourhood Watch
	Tessa Phillips	Neighbourhood Watch
	Councillor Pat Strack	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Peter Murton	Neighbourhood Watch
	Councillor Linda Silver	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor Hannah David	Hertsmere Borough Council

### 1. **Welcome and apologies**

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the group.

The group were informed that items 1-6 on the agenda would be web cast and will be available on Hertsmere Borough Councils website for six months.

### 2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (25 January 2010)**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

### 3. **Launching our new Community Safety Partnership (CSP)**

The Chairman informed the group that the Home Office recently decided to refer to all Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRP) as Community Safety Partnerships (CSP). With this in mind Hertsmere CDRP has decided to rename and become a CSP. The partnership will still work towards reducing crime in Hertsmere and improving feelings of safety.

The current Crime Reduction Groups (CRG's) have also been renamed to Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's). The groups are in Borehamwood, Bushey, Radlett, Potters Bar and Shenley.

### 4. **Policing Plan 2010/2013**

Brenda Griffiths gave a presentation to the group. Please see attached.

The Policing Plan outlines the strategic direction and policing priorities for our local force. It is set by the Police Authority who are responsible for its development and publication and the scrutiny of its performance. It is for the Chief Constable to deliver and he or she remains responsible for operational performance and for this, the Authority will hold him or her responsible.

The Police Authority comprises of 17 people, nine County Councillors and eight independent, of which Brenda Griffiths is one.

Development of the Policing Plan is a core activity (amongst other responsibilities) and is a major tool by which the Police Authority fulfils the statutory function, which provides effective and efficient policing in the county.

Hertfordshire Constabulary is one of the top performing forces in the country and the officers and staff are highly skilled, professional and committed.

The Police Authority is also here to ensure the communities voice is heard and their views are taken into account by the police force and that the police service that is delivered meets the needs of the community.

The policing priorities have been agreed and published, together with the targets and measures in the annual Policing Plan. Last year for the first time the Policing Plan was set for three years.

The majority of the targets in last years plan were for three years and the Police Authority felt it was important to retain these. The Police Authority receives about 65% of its funding from government grants and last years grant settlement was set for three years and runs out in March 2011. This, together with the economic climate, makes it impossible to predict what funding will be available for policing in Hertfordshire beyond that time. Consequently all the targets and measures in the new plan relate to the period up to 2011, with the exception of a new single government target.

Resources are very limited and are likely to get even tighter in the coming years. The police have to deal with a broad range of issues on a 24/7 basis. The Policing Plan sets out the key priority areas where the Authority expects the Constabulary to focus more effort and resources.

The targets that the Police Authority have set for the police are briefly listed below:

- Serious acquisitive crime will remain a priority. In recent months the county, along with the rest of the country, has experienced an increase in burglary and the Constabulary are working hard with partners to reverse that trend, with some recent local success.
- Drugs misuse is at the root of a significant amount of crime and again work needs to be done with partners and the public so that the enforcement provided by the police can be coupled through the Criminal Justice System with much needed rehabilitation and support to reduce addiction and dependency.
- Partnership working is vital when it comes to protecting vulnerable people and we need to work together to make sure all the needs of victims are met.  
In particular, we will continue to focus on reducing the number of victims who suffer repeat attacks of domestic violence.
- Business crime makes up about a quarter of all crime figures and we need to work more effectively to reduce these levels,

especially at a time when businesses can ill afford to suffer losses as a result of crime.

- And finally, the Constabulary has increased its detection rates significantly but it still needs to do more, especially in relation to home burglary and vehicle crime.
- It is also a priority to increase the public's confidence in police service and people's feelings of safety. Despite Hertfordshire being a relatively safe county and despite crime falling by over 20% in recent years, people still have a disproportionate fear of crime in Hertfordshire and for many this has a significant impact on their quality of life.

Neighbourhood Watch is an excellent example of how local communities can make people feel safer and reduce crime.

One of the things we need to tackle in order to improve people's feelings of safety is anti-social behaviour. A great deal of progress has been made in recent years but we are not complacent. The same can be said for alcohol-related disorder, which still impacts on many of our towns and entertainment centres. However it is important to know that anti-social behaviour is not always committed by young people and that young people meeting up with their friends does not always constitute anti-social behaviour. The Police Authority expects the police to deal with anything, which exceeds acceptable boundaries.

The number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads each year continues to fall, but the devastating effect it has on its victims and their family's means that road safety will remain one of our top priorities.

And finally, perhaps the more hidden aspect of our local policing priorities – protecting the county from terrorism and domestic violent extremism. There has been a lot in the press about national threats recently and we expect our police service to work with colleagues to keep ahead of this. In Hertfordshire the main drive is to improve the already strong community cohesion and that is something we can all contribute to.

There are other sections in the full Policing Plan, which is available on the Police Authority's website [www.hertspa.org](http://www.hertspa.org)

We need to make sure our workforce reflects the communities that it serves, and the need to develop greater collaboration with other forces and partners, to spend our (which is your) money wisely. This is all included in the Policing Plan.

The group were encouraged to feed their views, comments and concerns back to the Police Authority.

5. **How the Policing Plan 2010/2013 will be delivered in Hertsmere**  
Hertsmere's Chief Inspector Sue Jameson gave a presentation to the

group. Please see attached.

**6. Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership**

Robert Holgate, the Manager at Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership gave a presentation to the group. Please see attached.

For more information on the CCTV Partnership please visit

[www.stevenage.gov.uk](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk)

**6.1 Tribute to Mark Cheshire**

The Chairman presented Mark Cheshire, Station Commander at Borehamwood Fire Station with an award for his contribution to the CDRP over the past few years.

The Chairman informed the group that Mark has been instrumental in the planning and execution of many of the partnerships initiatives, including the Christmas crime house in Bushey in 2008 and the Christmas safety shop in Borehamwood in 2009. Mark's contribution has been valuable in the setting up of the 'Crash Bang' for young offenders and the Life project in Borehamwood. These two initiatives alone have changed the lives of many of our younger residents.

Mark is keen to get involved in initiatives that improve the local area and benefit the community. Indeed he is so dedicated that even when he is off duty or on annual leave he can be relied upon to make a contribution.

The Chairman thanked Mark for his contribution on behalf of the CSP.

**7. Questions and answers**

**7.1 Agenda item 4 - Policing Plan 2010/2013**

Gerry McCormick asked Brenda Griffiths to allude to how the new system will work to counteract the recent Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC) comments regarding public meetings and priority setting. At a recent North Bushey Neighbourhood Panel meeting they were informed that the priority setting process will be changed. Gerry asked that the new process be explained.

Brenda Griffiths explained that the process was not changing and that the Police Authority's priority is to engage with as many people as possible to establish if they have any concerns and if so, what they are. In the recent HMIC report it was unfortunate that the Constabulary were graded poor in relation to public engagement, however it was noted that this was across Hertfordshire and may not necessarily apply to Hertsmere.

Sue Jameson explained that there were still improvements that the Constabulary needed to make, with regards to engaging with the community. Work is being done to engage with people and establish what their concerns are, if they have any. Recently

officers stopped local residents and commuters at Elstree and Borehamwood train station and spoke to a large number of people. Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) are discussing local issues whilst conducting house to house enquiries and at local Community Safety Partnership meetings. Once the local issues have been established the local community and neighbourhood team will decide how they will prioritise and deal with the issues.

Sue Jameson asked to speak to Gerry McCormick outside of the meeting to discuss how the priorities will be agreed in future and any suggestions for improvement.

Councillor Ernie Butler suggested that surveys could be included in Hertsmere News.

## **7.2 Agenda item 5 - How the Policing Plan 2010/2013 will be delivered in Hertsmere**

A resident wanted to know what role the speed cameras have in Southgate Road and why there are two so close together.

Sue Jameson explained that speed cameras are located where there is a need.

The Chairman added that vehicles that leave the M25 don't realise that they are entering a residential area where there is a 30mph speed limit.

Councillor Morris Bright asked to be reassured that Hertsmere officers would not be seconded to the 2012 Olympics, as we don't want to have a reduction in the number of officers that patrol our streets within Hertsmere.

Sue Jameson explained that there were no current plans for Hertsmere officers to police the Olympics.

## **7.3 Agenda item 6 – Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership**

Councillor Ernie Butler asked how people would arrange to view CCTV footage.

Robert Holgate explained that all incidents should be reported via the County Control Room (CCR) and the police will liaise with the CCTV staff to view footage relating to crimes.

## **8. Any other business**

Jacqueline Townsend wanted to know if the building of the College and Village Hall on Elstree Way would have an effect on the traffic flow, as she was concerned about the safety of pedestrians.

Donald Graham explained that County Council would be conducting a transport study as part of a wider project. Once the outcome is

known it will be presented to members at the council and will be available to the public. He added that the Village Hall will have multi use facilities and will have parking at the rear of the property and that Oaklands College are currently going through the appeal process.

Roy Hotchkiss thanked Valerie Kane and the team at Hertsmere Borough Council for the work that has been done through the CDRP and the future work that will continue through the CSP.

The Chairman endorsed these comments.

**9. Close of the evening – partnership Plan Review 2009/2010**

Councillor Morris Bright thanked Roy Hotchkiss for his comments and told the group how extremely pleased he was to have been asked to give the closing remarks to this very informative Community Safety Partnership meeting.

He explained that at a local level the partnership produced a Partnership Plan for the period 2008 – 2011, which has now been reviewed.

The review showcases some of the work and the initiatives we have achieved in partnership:

During the period April 2009 – March 2010 there has been 882 fewer victims of crime compared to the same period in the previous year.

Some of the reductions include:

- 489 fewer victims of serious acquisitive crime
- 125 fewer victims of home burglaries
- 354 fewer victims of motor vehicle crime
- Arson, secondary fires and fire injuries have also all reduced by one or more incidents in the last year

This review highlights some of the partnership activities which have contributed to these excellent result, such as:

- The launch of the Dog Watch and Off Watch schemes, which are similar to Neighbourhood Watch. Horse Watch is due to be launched in May.
- Working with the police and pupils to discourage drivers from speeding outside schools.
- Environmental Action Days, Spotlight events and visual audits which tackle environmental crimes such as graffiti and flytipping.
- Community payback whereby local offenders carry out tasks to improve the local area such as litter picking and removing flytips.
- And several 'plate safe' (PL8 SAF3) events which have resulted in 400 vehicles being fitted with theft-resistant number plate screws.

The review also explains about the work of our Community Safety Partnerships, formally known as Crime Reduction Groups. These groups operate in Borehamwood, Bushey, Potters Bar, Radlett and Shenley and are open to any local resident or interested party. Public meetings take place four times a year in each local area and topics discussed include anti-social behaviour, local crime figures, fire safety and issues of local concern. Each group is allocated £1,000 a year to spend on projects that reduce crime and improve community safety in that area. The group were urged to get involved.

Thanks were given to the Police Authority for the refreshments that were provided before the meeting and all of the guest speakers, including Brenda Griffiths from the Police Authority, Chief Inspector Sue Jameson from Hertfordshire Constabulary and Robert Holgate from Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership.

Councillor Morris Bright commended the work of the Partnership, which includes officers from the constabulary, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and this council as well as all the other people from local organisations that are involved.

The partnership recognises that by working together we can deliver real outcomes for the residents of Hertsmere.

The group were reminded that the next meeting will be held on Monday 19 July 2010 at 6.30pm at the Civic Offices. There will be presentations from representatives from the Crown Prosecution Service (CSP) and a presentation from a Magistrate, giving an insight into their work.

All attendees were thanked for their attendance at the meeting.

