



Tackling Crime

**Down Area
C District**

District Policing Partnership

9 Month Report

Figures extracted 19 January 2011



Area Commander's Commentary

I am pleased to present the 9 month report for the Down area. As you can see from the report, there have been significant reductions in non-domestic violence with injury crimes and the number of anti-social behaviour incidents. We continue to be proactive in dealing with anti-social behaviour incidents through seizing alcohol from young persons, reporting people to the Council for drinking in bye-law areas and noting the names of young persons coming to the attention of police. Our nightlife strategy has assisted in reducing the number of assaults attributable to night time economy in Newcastle and Downpatrick.

Whilst we are moving towards the target for detecting overall crime, we have not quite reached it yet and this needs additional work in the remaining quarter. The detection rate for burglary still needs to be improved and we have recently had some success in making a male amenable for 8 burglaries.

Despite our efforts in reducing the number of Killed and Seriously Injured collisions through education and engagement with the public, the number of KSis has increased. We will continue to work towards reducing the figures in conjunction with the DPP, CSP and other agencies.

Deirdre Bones
Area Commander
Down

Section 1) Policing with the Community

Review of Policing with the Community activities within the Down Area

Down Youth IAG

The DYIAG aim to empower the voice of local young people within local policing and therefore plans to:

- Consult with young people both formally and informally to gain their views on policing.
- Liaise with all young people to gain their cooperation in working with the police (to include detached youth and especially troubled and problem young people)
- Investigate and prepare reports into aspects of policing of the District in relation to the major issues facing young people and how any cooperation with the police is effecting these issues
- They have recently completed a research project on young people engaging with police.
- The findings of this report were discussed at a discussion forum in October which was attended by a number of schools and members of the CSP and DPP.
- A youth worker from 'Involve Youth' will provide support to develop the group and manage new projects as they are allocated.

CASE Projects

A number of Citizenship and Safety Education (CASE) messages continue to be delivered to various pre-school, primary and post primary schools throughout the Area covering lessons ranging from substance misuse to the consequences of breaking the law

Operation SNAPPER is an acronym for Support No Alcohol in Public Places through Partnership, Enforcement and Regulation.

Juveniles referred to Youth Diversion Officers can be made subject to any number of police responses, from a warning and a letter to their parents to full police prosecution.

Drinking in designated places is a contravention of council by-laws and only local councils can prosecute for these offences, although police can prosecute persons under 18 for consuming alcohol in public places.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Down Area currently has over 85 accredited schemes. DCSP provided funding to support various consultations and initiatives to support local NWS co-ordinators get together with their neighbours to reduce local crime and disorder in a bid to make neighbourhoods safer and better places to live, work and play. Such consultation has proven effective in building and sustaining community spirit and 'good relations' and promoting the notion of 'self help' with local communities. Seminars are being held with NW co-ordinators in each sector to afford them to get to know their Neighbourhood officers personally and discuss any issues. Text and email alerts are sent to co-ordinators regarding crime trends. NPT officers for each sector held meetings before Christmas with their NW co-ordinators in order to maintain contact and share information.

Burglaries NPT officers now attend the scene of all burglaries to provide reassurance to victims of these intrusive crimes. Leaflet drops are also carried out in neighbourhoods where burglaries have taken place.

Interagency Roadshow, Ballymote

Downpatrick Neighbourhood Unit was involved in an inter-agency roadshow at the Ballymote Centre on Saturday 15 May 2010 from 2pm to 4pm. The event offered members of the local community an opportunity to meet with local officers serving with the emergency services, including representatives from the PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Team, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS), Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, Council Enforcement Officers and members of the Community Safety Partnership. This provided the NPT with the opportunity to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to liaise with the community at all levels of life. It also showed the local community the type of work they and their fellow partners in the emergency services carry out within the Downpatrick area. It also gave the local community a chance to put a face to their local community police officers.

Downpatrick NPT have taken part in a 'be safe week' working along side the NIE/Fire/ Coast Guard / Home Accident prevention PSNI. This programme was for P7 across the Down Area and highlighted different dangers such as internet dangers etc.

NPT officers are in the process of developing an initiative in the Ardglass/Killough area in an attempt to build up lines of communication with minority groups living/working in the area. This is still a work in progress.

Crossroads Project – Neighbourhood officers engaged 11 young people from the Ballymote area in a week long project which gave them an insight into policing. The youths participated in role play scenarios, they observed public order training, had input from the Prison Service and Youth Justice agency and participated in an activity day on the Friday before they graduated. The scheme was a success in that it engaged with youths who were beginning to come to the attention of police and afforded them the opportunity to work with police. All 11 young people completed the course.

Fresher's Day Sept 2010 Downpatrick Regional colleague. 1/2day presentation to new pupils at the college on general safety/road safety/prevention of crime.

Flying Horse /Model Farm - Halloween bonfire funding and support for the celebrations. This was aimed at reducing the amount of Anti-social behaviour which traditionally peaks at that time of the year.

Road safe week ran for a week in November in Downpatrick. This was supported by officers from Road Policing and CSP/DPP. And was aimed at reducing deaths/injuries across the Down area.

October/November - a campaign was launched to highlight theft of boilers in the Down area. Crime prevention leaflets were distributed and a media release was placed in local papers. Members of the public were provided with advice on crime prevention supported by Down CSP/local NIHE/Local councillors.

School watch – as a result of a number of burglaries in schools, schools were contacted by NPT officers and text alerts sent to advise them of these crimes.

NPT officers supported the Flying Horse Ward Community Forum in relation to a Christmas workshop for older people.

NPT officers devised a local initiative in the area of Model Farm/Flying Horse regarding misuse of quads. A leaflet drop was carried out along with a press release on the dangers/legal requirements for the use of same.

Rowallane

Sponsor a bus initiative

Due to an increase in reports of ASB/YCA –NPT officers spoke to a number of the youths to establish how they could be facilitated to avoid them becoming involved in this behaviour and to stop them annoying the local community.

The youths indicated they had no facilities apart from the Leisure Centre.

An event was arranged in the Leisure Centre to provide the youths the opportunity to outline what exactly they wanted.

Youth Service attended along with a Community Safety Representative, Youth Club Leaders, Local Councillors and PSNI.

The new bus service was launched on Friday and Saturday nights in September for 12-17 year olds in order to provide a way for youths to make the most of their weekends

The bus route provides return transport to popular amenities such as Downpatrick Cineplex, Dundonald Ice Bowl and Ice Skating and Lisburn Leisure Centre and Laser Quest.

Killyleagh Summer Football League

NPT officers have been involved in the summer football league in Killyleagh over the summer months and this culminated in a well supported street soccer event in August.

Initiative with elderly persons

In conjunction with Good Morning Down (GMD) over 100 elderly persons were brought together with nine agency stalls (NIFRS/HAP/YJA etc) for a light lunch and presentation in Market House Ballynahinch.

The purpose was to identify elderly and vulnerable in the community to be in a position for NPT to call and give reassurance and to identify an NPT officer in order to reduce fear of crime.

As a result, 38 new contacts were made over and above those supplied by GMD and positive feedback has been received from local councillors and at localised inter-agency group. We also now have a PSNI representative on HSSB Safe and Well project.

Beacon Event -Crossgar and Ballynahinch -These events were run in partnership with the DDC. These were areas in which children previously would have been involved in collecting all types of rubbish for a bonfire - this year the events were organised as Cross Community Events and the new Beacons replaced the old style bonfire. These were successful in both areas with no complaints re YCA due to them not having to collect rubbish causing a disturbance /annoyance to local residents and once the beacon was collected the area was cleaned more efficiently with less expense incurred due to less/no damage to property-PSNI Supported both events and Crossgar was recognised as an excellent success by the local community

Firework Safety Roadshow was held in St Colman's as a follow on to an incident last year in which a resident from Drumaness and a pupil from St Colman's were injured by a firework.

Bike Safe Event -Due to Ballynahinch having a Motorcycle Club and a number of Fatal/Serious Injury RTCs involving motorcyclists, this event was run in partnership with Bikesafe and was an excellent event in which local riders were accompanied by a Police motorcyclist around roads within the Down area and were then provided with feedback on their good points and advised how to improve. On successful completion each motorcyclist was awarded a certificate which they can use for reducing insurance premiums.

Internet Safety Roadshows- This initiative was developed due to the younger children now having ready access to computers - the object of the event is to make them aware of the benefits of computers however it will also advise them of the dangers and how to avoid them

Newcastle

Caravan parks.

Work ongoing to encourage the caravan parks within the area to develop a ring - around, early alert system re troublesome customers/visitors/criminals or suspicious activity. Leaflet drops have been conducted in relation to thefts and burglaries etc.

Burrendale ASB Action plan in conjunction with CSP/Housing executive/residents association.

Stemmed from housing executive survey delivered to all residents re issues affecting the lives of people within estate. As a result a specific questionnaire was jointly prepared and distributed asking four basic questions

1. Have you been affected by anti-social behaviour
2. What action do you think is required to combat ASB
3. Which agency do you think is responsible for tackling ASB
4. Are illegal drugs a problem in the area.

The Area Commander wrote to the CSP to ask for consideration to be given to implementing an action plan- this was agreed and the action plan is currently ongoing.

Burrendale Community Initiative.

Youths from the Burrendale Estate braved the wintery conditions to attend Greenhill YMCA, Donard Park, Newcastle as part of the Burrendale Community Initiative organised by the PSNI. The youths split into two groups who worked with Newcastle Neighbourhood Policing Team officers and community workers to compete against each other in 'The Greenhill Challenge' which included activities such as orienteering and low level ropes. The aim of the activities was to assist in providing life skills such as team work, personal responsibility and communication skills. The youths then engaged a motivational speaker from Concept Eleven who got them thinking about how people are diverse and not to judge them on their appearance and stereotypes, that if you take the time to get to know them individually everyone has a talent. The youths then participated in a short session of archery. Each participant was presented with a certificate of participation and a medal with the winning team of the Greenhill Challenge receiving a small prize.

Joint Services Initiative

In July, Newcastle response officers and Newcastle NPT hosted a station visit to Newcastle PSNI station as part of a cross-community, multi-agency initiative. The visit involved 24 young people plus 4 junior leaders coming to Newcastle Police station and having the opportunity to meet members of the Police Service, Mourne Mountain Rescue Team, Coast Guard and Royal National Lifeboat Institute. This gave 9 young people from Lisburn and 15 from Newcastle the opportunity to meet for the first time and interact with members from the 3 of the 6 'Blue Light' Emergency Services. The aim of the visit was to promote the Chief Constable's vision of Personal ... Professional ... Protective through fun and interactive learning.

In December, Newcastle Neighbourhood Policing Team organised a 'subway with peelers' night at the Kairos Centre, Newcastle in conjunction with youth workers and volunteers attached to the Kairos Centre. Neighbourhood officers talked to the local youths about Road Safety and Quads, anti-social Behaviour and alcohol. It also enabled the local neighbourhood officers to have an informal chat with the youths whilst enjoying a subway sandwich. It provided an opportunity to work personally with the local youths in Newcastle, providing a professional approach and image and protecting them by providing education on the dangers that they may face.

ST Malachys Event With Community Safety Partnership

On Friday 18th June 2010 Newcastle NPT attended St Malachy's High School, Castlewellan as part of the Burrendale initiative. N.I. Fire Service, NIHE, Down District Council, ASCERT and the Quad Bike Association were also in attendance. A timetable was constructed which allowed pupils to interact with each service for 20 minutes. Police spoke to the pupils about anti-social behaviour and underage drinking. Police worked with St Malachy's drama group to produce a role-play scenario of underage drinking to highlight the consequences of underage drinking to the youths and the impact it can have on a number of emergency services who can get involved in dealing with underage drinking e.g. police, ambulance and NI Fire services.

In December, Newcastle Neighbourhood Policing Team, PSNI Crime Prevention Officer Susan Farr, Priscilla Mc Alinden from Down Community Safety Partnership, Good Morning Down and a representative from Quick Check attended the Tuesday Club at The Lodge, Main Street, Castlewellan. The event was aimed at informing members of the community about the services available to them to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime. Good Morning Down provides support to vulnerable members of the community with free telephone care and befriending service. Councillors for the area also attended the event providing their own experience of the necessity of such services commenting favourably on the need to promote such information days.

Seaforde

Newcastle Neighbourhood Policing Team attended Seaforde Christmas Fair. The neighbourhood officers had a stall with information leaflets on topical subjects like winter road safety, crime prevention advice on home security and personal security, neighbourhood watch scheme and road safety exercise books for youths.

Cedar Integrated School, Crossgar - World Cup Event

On 23 June 2010 several Primary Schools in the area supported by Down Diversity in Action Forum and Down Grassroots Football were given an opportunity to come together as part of a World Cup Cultural Challenge Event at Cedar Integrated Primary School. The schools involved included Ballycloughan Primary School, Newcastle Primary School, St Patrick's Primary School, Ballynahinch, Cedar Integrated Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, Killough and Drumlins Integrated Primary School. The project aimed at looking at diversity saw P7 pupils from each of the schools identify with an allocated country in either Europe or Asia, (the countries allocated were picked to encourage the children to identify and find out a little bit about the culture of our current ethnic and migrant communities). On the day, the pupils who had assumed the nationality of their allocated country participated in a quiz followed later in the afternoon by a football match. At midday Artsekta provided lessons on native and cultural drumming with the children enthusiastically joining in and to the relief of all the adults present there wasn't a vuvuzela horn in sight. Newcastle NPT officers participated in this event along with Rowallane and Downpatrick NPT officers.

Local Press went on patrol with NPT

On Friday 2nd July, reporters from the Mourne Observer and the Down Recorder went on patrol with NPT officers from Downpatrick and Newcastle. It was an excellent opportunity for them to experience the high standard of service given by NPT officers as they tackle neighbourhood problems. Press were informed that patrolling was linked to the District Policing Priorities, launched in May 2010, specifically:-

Seizures of alcohol under the Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997,

Referrals of young people to the YDO,

Referrals to council for drinking in bye law areas,

Road traffic enforcement & education in line with our aim to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.

Castlewellan

Following recent incidents of criminal damage, theft and anti-social behaviour in Castlewellan Forest Park Newcastle NPT liaised with forestry personnel and local council enforcement officers to conduct joint patrols in Castlewellan Forest Park at the weekends to try to reduce the incidents of criminal damage, theft and anti-social behaviour. Following a consultation with our crime prevention officer the Forestry hopes to have spring risers placed at the rear exit and a barrier placed just before the entrance to the maze by Autumn. This will prevent vehicles from entering the camp site as the main entrance cannot be closed.

Section 2) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2010/11¹

Tackling serious harm					
Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - Dec 2009	Apr - Dec 2010	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
1.0 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5% (1)	391	302	-22.8%	✓	Op Nightlife has been implemented in Newcastle and Downpatrick at weekends. Officers are currently participating in Burrendale action plan with CSP. Pro-prosecution policy for identified offenders.
2.0 In partnership with other agencies to contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road (2)(Figures until 30/11/10)	29	33	4	✗	We continue to liaise with Roads Policing and perform joint operations. Officers patrol identified hot spot areas. Road safety week was held in December in Downpatrick to educate the public.
3.0 To increase the detection rate for overall crime by 5% (2)	19.7%	23.3%	3.6%	✓	Whilst we are not meeting the target we are going in the right direction. Officers exploit all potential avenues of investigation including forensic and CCTV evidence.

¹ The Local Policing Plan targets are shown for example purposes only and are taken from Ards Local Policing Plan 2010/11.

Additional comments, including any 'control strategies' and their impact on Local Policing Plan targets

Non Domestic Violence with injury crimes

- Additional resources detailed at weekends for Nightlife in Newcastle and Downpatrick. A clear, structured plan has been developed to prevent disorder and assaults and to reassure revellers on their way home from pubs etc.
- NPT officers have been actively engaged in the Burrendale action plan along with the CSP etc. Joint patrols are conducted with Council enforcement officers;
- Proactive enforcement of licensing legislation and joint operations with representatives of SIA.

ASB

- Op Snapper operations to deter and detect underage drinking;
- Involvement with inter agency ASBO Forum;
- Involvement in CSP initiative in Burrendale Estate, Newcastle including diversionary programmes and joint patrols with enforcement officers.
- Maximum use of POPT to tackle ASB.
- Proactive enforcement of licensing laws;
- Implementation of surgeries and use of mobile police station to offer reassurance/crime prevention advice.
- Maximum use of ABC/ASBOs.
- Full use of youth diversion scheme and robust prosecution policy.
- Continued beat and cycle patrols of hot spot areas
- Proactive seizure of alcohol and reports to Council

KSIs

- Ongoing operations involving local resources and Roads Policing to conduct anti-speeding patrols;
- Use of safety camera van
- Proactive operations to prevent and detect 'boy racers' and prosecution of offences
- Joint operations with Customs etc to detect motoring/fuel offences.
- Officers advised of main KSI hot spots and focus enforcement on these areas.
- A week long Roadsafe initiative took place with Roads Policing, local resources, CSP and DPP

Personal Policing – Dealing with Local Concerns

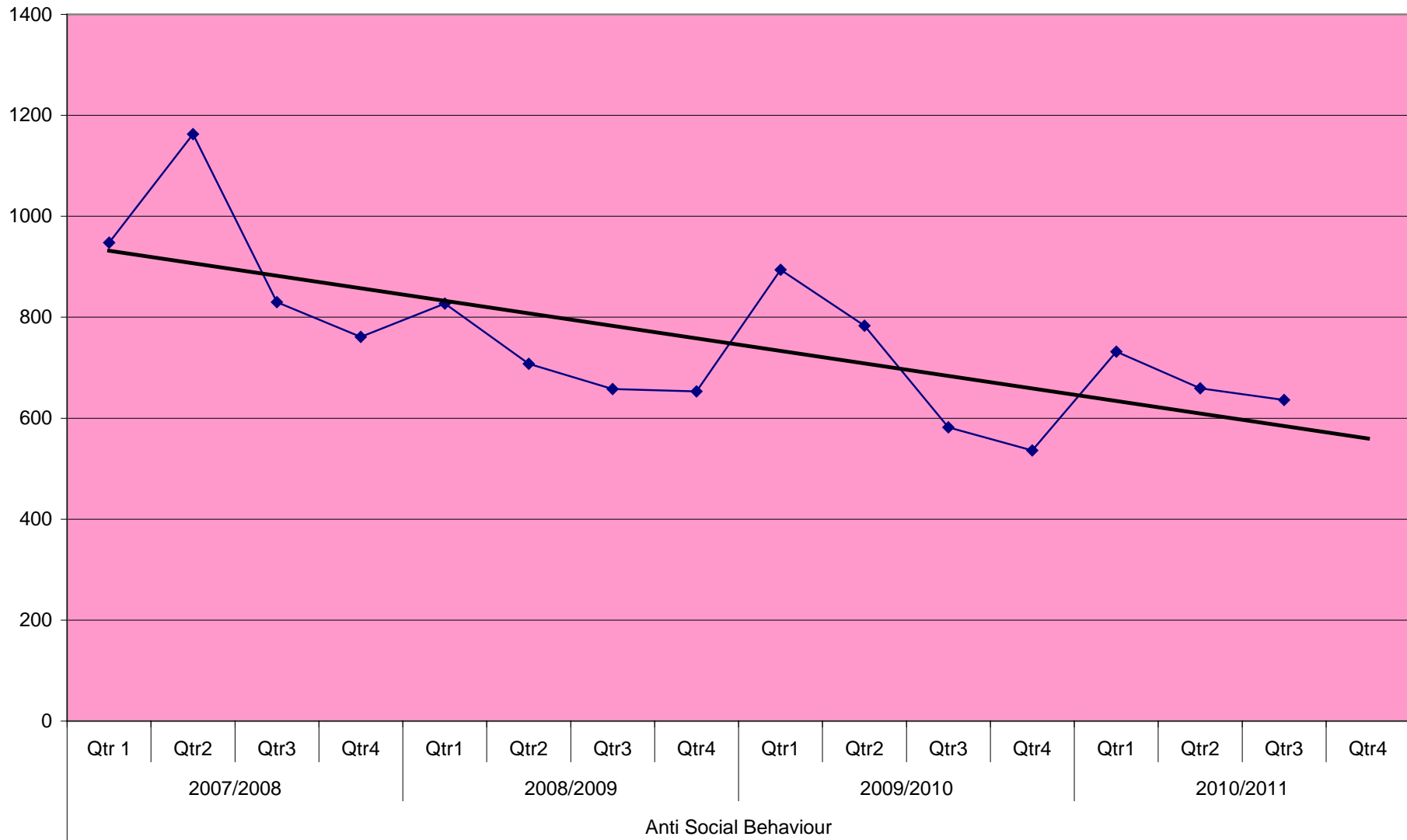
Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - Dec 2009	Apr - Dec 2010	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
4.1 To reduce the number of incidents of antisocial behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31 March 2011. ²	2259	2027	-10.3%	✓	Maximum use is made of the Youth diversion system and repeat offenders identified. NPT continue to develop initiatives with other agencies and community groups
4.2 To record the number of seizures of alcohol under the Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997	357	639			Officers are very proactive in seizing alcohol from young persons and patrol hot spot areas for this purpose.
4.3 To record the number of referrals of young people to the Youth Diversion Officer	1047	715			Officers note the names of young persons coming to police attention and identify habitual offenders with a view to taking out anti-social behaviour contracts or orders against them.
4.4 To record the number of referrals to council for drinking in bye law areas	20	29			This is linked to the seizure of alcohol and tackling anti-social behaviour. Officers continue to patrol with Council Enforcement Officers.

5.1 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 5% points (2)	7.6%	9.1%	1.5%	✘	Officers continue to exploit all forensic opportunities. NPT call out with all victims of burglaries to provide reassurance and perform leaflet of neighbouring houses.

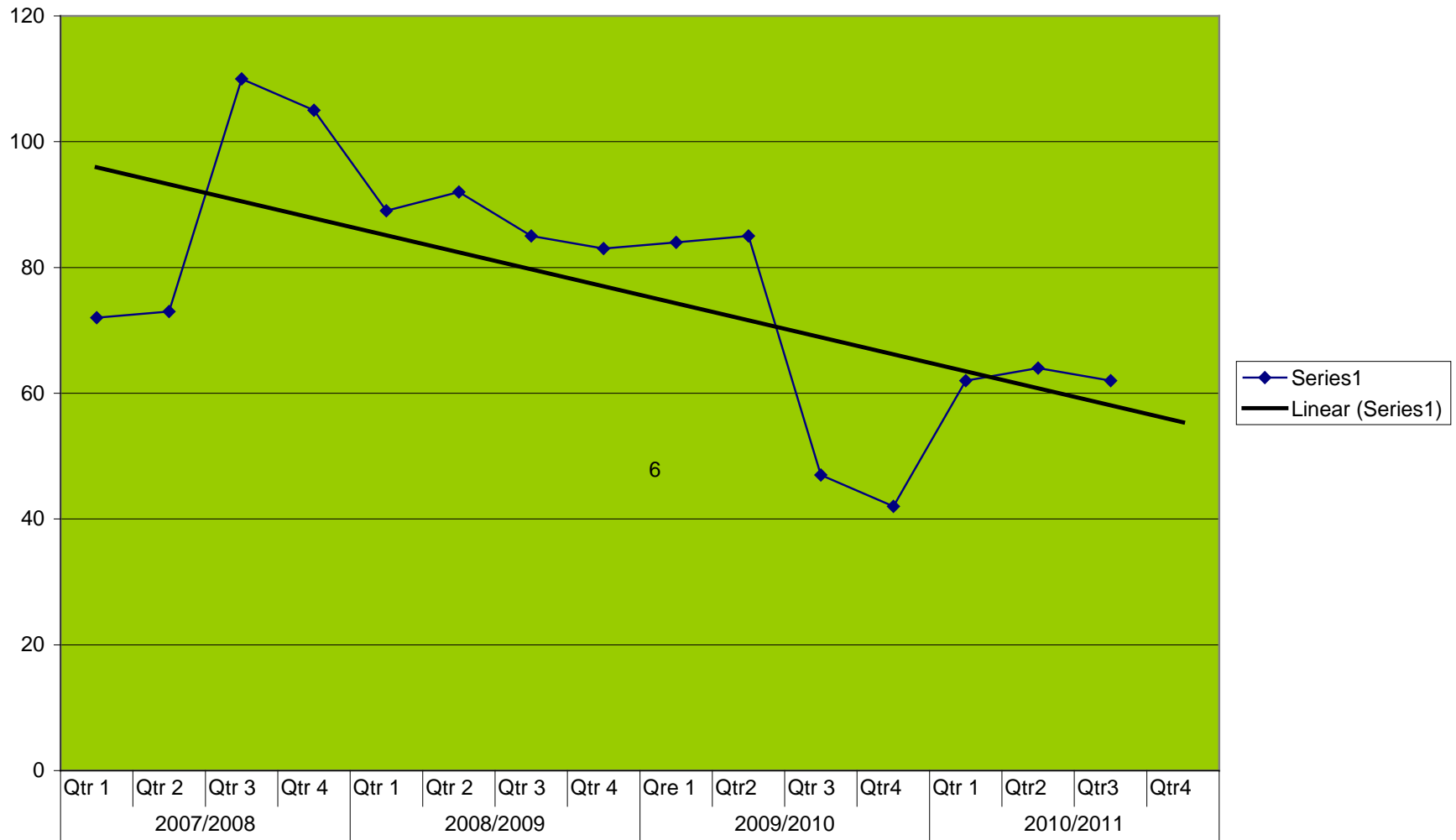
Section 3) Additional information

Crime Classes	Recorded Apr-Dec 09/10	Recorded Apr-Dec 10/11	% Change	Detection Apr-Dec 09/10	Detection Apr-Dec 10/11	% Detection Apr-Dec 09/10	% Detection Apr-Dec 10/11
1. Offences against the person	920	833	-9.5%	272	261	29.6%	31.3%
2. Sexual Offences	68	82	20.6%	9	26	13.2%	31.7%
3. Burglary	476	475	-0.2%	36	43	7.6%	9.1%
<i>(Domestic Burglary)</i>	215	187	-13.0%	19	21	8.8%	11.2%
4. Robbery	12	12	0.0%	2	4	16.7%	33.3%
5. Theft	741	631	-14.8%	108	97	14.6%	15.4%
6. Fraud and Forgery	117	83	-29.1%	14	44	12.0%	53.0%
7. Criminal Damage	764	645	-15.6%	90	88	11.8%	13.6%
8. Offences against the state	19	35	84.2%	12	15	63.2%	42.9%
9. Other notifiable offences	153	150	-2.0%	101	108	66.0%	72.0%
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	1000	927	-7.3%	283	291	28.3%	31.4%
Total Crime	3270	2946	-9.9%	644	686	19.7%	23.3%

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DOMESTIC BURGLARIES



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	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qre 1	Qtr2	Qtr 3	Qtr4	Qtr 1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
	2007/2008				2008/2009				2009/2010				2010/2011			
Series1	72	73	110	105	89	92	85	83	84	85	47	42	62	64	62	

ALL CRIME

