



West Belfast District Policing Partnership



6 Month Report, including Policing with the Community Activities

Figures extracted 20/10/2011 (unless stated otherwise)

Section 1) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2011/12

Green	Meeting/exceeding target	Amber	Improvement on last year's figures but not meeting target	Red	Not meeting target and going in wrong direction
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Local Policing Plan Target	Apr 2010 - Sep 2010	Apr 2011 - Sep 2011	Variation from last year
1.1 To reduce the number of burglaries by 3%.(1)	249	232	-17 (-6.8%)
1.2 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 2 percentage points.(1)	9.6%	9.5%	-0.1% pts

Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

Burglary Summary

- Total burglary crime has fallen by 6.8%.
- Domestic burglary has witnessed a 17.4% reduction, or 36 fewer crimes, when compared against the same period last year.
- The detection rate of 9.5%, as in the table above, represents an improvement on the quarter 1 2011/2012 figure of 5.9%. Forensic opportunities continue to be maximised through high quality Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) work at the scene.
- 42% of burglaries, or 97 individual burglary crimes, in West Belfast during this reporting period were facilitated through an open or unlocked door or window. This compares to a figure of 30% for North Belfast.
- Domestic Burglary hotspots for West Belfast at the end of this reporting period were the Whiterock area, and Clonards/Lower Falls.
- Electrical goods such as televisions, laptops and computer games, alongside cash and jewellery continue to be targeted.

- A spate of burglaries occurred over the weekend of 10th to 11th September in the Woodbourne area when the properties were vacant. All were corner properties and entry was gained via a rear window or door. Of note, flyers distributed by local businesses had been left uncollected in letterboxes.

Anti burglary and crime prevention initiatives continue within A District, as follows:

- Neighbourhood officers carry out follow up calls to all victims of burglary.
- Personal, tailored Crime Prevention advice is offered in an effort to prevent someone becoming a repeat victim.
- Homes, properties and areas vulnerable to burglary crime are identified and included within the Neighbourhood Team patrolling patterns.
- Dedicated anti burglary patrolling by Response and Neighbourhood officers at locations identified by the police analyst. For example, the month of September 2011 saw 23 dedicated anti burglary patrols completed across West Belfast and an additional 10 anti burglary patrols partially completed.
- Anti burglary leaflets are delivered to homes and property identified as being left vulnerable or exposed to the opportunistic criminal.
- Use of channels to include social media, liaison with the press, local meetings, safety road shows and public reports to highlight and reinforce simple and effective preventative measures such as locking doors and windows, looking out for one another, and reporting suspicious behaviour to police.

Burglary Arrest Examples

In the early hours of the 6th of July 2011 police responded to the report of possible intruders in a vacant property in the Falls Road area. On arrival police observed that a window had been smashed to facilitate entry and extensive damage had been caused to the interior of the address which had flooded. A large quantity of tools was found in the house, floor boards had been ripped up and copper pipes had been cut. Two males were located attempting to hide in an upstairs bedroom and they were arrested for the offence of burglary with intent to steal and conveyed to custody. After interview, both males were charged to court that same day, one of whom was remanded in custody by the magistrate, the second being released on court bail to return at a later date.

One male was arrested for the offence of burglary following an intruder alarm activation at St. John's GAA Club on Sunday 10th of July. Police attended the scene following the report and items of evidential value were observed and seized for forensic examination following an initial search of the surrounding area. One male was also observed to be in the area at the time of this report and his details were recorded. Further enquiries revealed evidence connecting the male noted in the area to the burglary and he was arrested on the 20th of July at his home address in West Belfast. He was subsequently interviewed and charged with the offence.

(1) Targets will be measured against performance achieved during 2010/2011.

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr 2010 -Sep 2010	Apr 2011 -Sep 2011	Variation from last year
2.1 To create new/develop existing initiatives/partnerships aimed at reducing drug availability. (2)	-	-	
Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance			
<p>Neighbourhood officers continue to take every opportunity to speak to young people, whether through youth clubs, schools, or during the course of their patrols to warn them about the dangers of drugs.</p> <p>Constable Taylor, the Schools Liaison officer attached to Woodbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), has carried out a number of drug presentations to children through school and youth clubs. Constable Taylor's presentations highlight the dangers and effects drugs have on your body, mind and how they can ruin your life.</p> <p>Constable Taylor has been in discussions with Falls Community Council regards the joint delivery of a lesson on drugs to young people. Progress on this can be provided in future reports.</p> <p>Woodbourne Neighbourhood officers continue to attend Turflodge Residents Association meeting. At the last meeting, attended by Constable Cunningham and Bethel during this quarter, topics discussed and progressed included that of drug use and supply. Such conversations are very useful and provide local officers with local knowledge enabling them to make more informed decisions and actions to minimise the supply and use of illegal drugs.</p> <p>A local young male with a drug addiction was identified and pro actively sought out by the Ballymurphy Neighbourhood Team, and was referred to the Princes Trust and Challenge for Youth for diversion away from drugs. This represents an example of local police successfully engaging with young people, identifying other agencies and organisations that could provide much needed support, and providing a link between the two.</p> <p>Constable Taylor has been involved in the development of the multi-agency 'Bin It Now' project. The initiative, designed to educate young people, their parents and the wider community in the Lower Falls area on the dangers associated with legal and illegal drugs, will also allow members of the public to safely and anonymously dispose of illegal and prescription drugs. Developed by a collection of community organisations and statutory partners including; the Police Service, Belfast City Council (BCC), Community Restorative Justice (CRJ), and Falls Community Council, the 'Bin it Now' campaign has been engaging with young people through schools to highlight the negative impact which drugs can have. At the time of report, the initiative was due to be launched during quarter 3 and more information on can be supplied in future reports.</p> <p><u>Drug Searches and Seizure Examples</u></p> <p>On the 19th of August 2011, Constable Lilburn led Woodbourne Neighbourhood colleagues in a planned search under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act in the Gortnamona area. As a result of this search a small quantity of cannabis resin was located. One male was cautioned at the scene and he later attended Grosvenor Road police station for interview during which a full admission for the offence of possession of a class B drug was offered. The male is being reported to the PPS.</p> <p>Grosvenor Road Neighbourhood officers conducted a house search in the Ballymurphy area on the 25th of August. A small amount of herbal cannabis was seized, one male interviewed and subsequently reported to the PPS.</p>			

Woodbourne Neighbourhood officers carried out a drug search of premises in Avoca Close during this period with negative result. Whilst evidence of an offence may not have been found on this occasion, such actions, which are information led, do act as a reminder and warning to anyone engaged in the illegal drug trade.

Grosvenor Road Neighbourhood police conducted searches regards illegal drugs at two addresses in the lower Falls area. As a result, 7000 cigarettes and 41 packets of tobacco were seized, a small quantity of drugs, namely cannabis, was recovered and one person reported to the PPS.

Neighbourhood officers conducted a house search in Colinview Street which resulted in 3 persons arrested for possession of class A drugs and possession of class A with intent to supply after suspected cocaine was seized. Forensic related enquiries remain ongoing and as such the three persons arrested remain on police bail.

Drugs Summary

The following drug types and quantities were seized in West Belfast between 1st April 2011 and 30th September 2011:

Note – 2011/2012 drug statistics are provisional and may be subject to minor amendment.

Cannabis Herbal (gms)	1770.2
Cannabis Plants	518
Cannabis Resin (gms)	224.0
Cocaine Powder (gms)	88.6
Ecstasy Tablets	53
Cannabis Joints	8
Amphetamine Tablets	4
Amphetamine Powder (gms)	2.0
Ecstasy Crystal (gms)	2.0
Cocaine Wraps	2

- There were a total of 89 drug seizure incidents during this period.
- Total drugs seized have an approximate street value of £282,677.
- 53 persons were arrested for drug offences.
- 19 persons were charged with drug offences.
- 9 persons were reported for drug offences.
- 14 persons received a caution for a drug offence.
- In total, 95 persons went through the criminal justice system for drug offences this quarter, an increase of 26.6% on quarter 1 2010/2011.

(2) Quarterly reports to the DPP will include a report on drugs to include information on drug seizures and persons charged and reported etc.

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr 2011- Jun 2011	Jul 2011 - Sep 2011	Variation from Quarter 1
3.1 To establish a baseline of the number of antisocial behaviour incidents during Quarter 1 and achieve a reduction in subsequent quarters. (3)	865	897	+32
3.2 To create new/develop existing initiatives/partnerships aimed at reducing antisocial behaviour.	-	-	

Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

As explained in the previous report, antisocial behaviour (ASB) statistics are no longer directly comparable with those published prior to that date. Instead, the three new recording categories of *Personal*, *Nuisance* and *Environmental* ASB are aimed at ensuring that the needs of the caller are quickly and accurately determined on a case by case basis to assist police to respond in the most appropriate manner. This new approach is oriented towards the caller and helps us to focus on how antisocial behaviour impacts on the person.

Personal ASB

Personal incidents are defined as those deliberately targeting an individual or group, impacting on that person rather than the community as a whole. It includes those incidents that cause concern, stress, disquiet or irritation, through to incidents which have an impact on a person's quality of life.

Examples of Personal ASB would include mud being thrown at an individual's home, a firework being placed outside someone's home to annoy them, or nuisance calls where someone continually rings a house phone.

Nuisance ASB

Nuisance incidents capture those where an act, condition, thing or person causes trouble, annoyance, inconvenience, offence or suffering to the local community rather than an individual victim. It includes incidents where behaviour goes beyond the conventional bounds of acceptability and interferes with public interests including health, safety and quality of life.

Examples of Nuisance ASB would include a beggar asking for money from people passing by, fireworks let off late at night in the community, climbing on building or scaffolding, street cruising in modified vehicles or unplanned street parties.

Environmental ASB

Environmental incidents deal with the interface between people and places. It includes incidents where individuals and groups have an impact on their surroundings. A perception that nobody cares about the quality of a particular environment can cause those who are indirectly affected to feel undervalued or ignored.

Examples of Environmental ASB would include a "run around" vehicle left burnt out on the side of a road, general rowdy behaviour coming out of a pub or nightclub or the use of land as a scrambler or quad course.

The 897 ASB incidents recorded during this second quarter can be broken down into the three categories as follows:

Personal ASB 108

Nuisance ASB 744
Environmental ASB 45

There were an additional 32 incidents of ASB during quarter 2 when compared against the quarter 1 baseline figure. Nuisance ASB is accountable for this increase, with Environmental and Personal ASB having reduced during quarter 2 against quarter 1.

Examples of Initiatives and Partnerships aimed at Reducing ASB are as follows:

Potential Redevelopment, Monagh Road

Constable Lilburn attended a meeting at Ardmonagh Family and Community Group at Ardmonagh Gardens on the 28th of September. The meeting was chaired by a representative from the Centre and a number of local residents were in attendance alongside a local councillor and a representative from BCC. The meeting was in relation to the vacant Belfast Education and Library Board (BELB) site at the rear of the shops at Monagh Road. This site is one of the ASB hotspots identified in the Turfledge area and it would greatly benefit the community if the site were redeveloped. The meeting discussed options regards securing the site and funding of any future development. It was agreed that the community would have to be consulted before any proposals went forward, a steering committee set up and a feasibility plan implemented. All those involved agreed to reconvene to discuss further after the community group speak to the local community and collate results.

Constable Lilburn has briefed Constable Connolly on progress thus far as Constable Connolly could provide additional and essential guidance from a crime prevention perspective regards the interim period and any future plans.

Roden Street Footbridge

The Roden Street footbridge area has become peaceful again. Throughout July and August Constable Quaile spoke regularly with elected representatives, community development representatives, a youth development coordinator and the residents of Blackwater Way to ensure that community tensions with neighbours on the south side of the bridge were minimised. Constable Quaile also liaised with NPT's from South Belfast responsible for the Village Area. Increased patrols and shift changes were organised to give maximum police presence at key times.

Community Safety Wardens, Andersonstown – Update

Constable Ward attended a meeting at CRJ with BCC in relation to the impact of Community Safety Wardens in the Andersonstown area. Initial reports suggest a significant reduction in ASB, on street drinking and bonfires, among other things, after the introduction of the wardens. At the meeting it was agreed that this was a successful multi agency approach to dealing with the various problems in the area.

Alley gate Scheme

Local police have successfully been working closely with, and on behalf of, the local community resulting in the installation of alley gates at Springhill Drive, Westrock Gardens. The area was a cause for concern and a focal point for ASB and other crime in the past, which had a direct negative impact on local residents. The alley gate scheme is now fully operational with support from BCC, and is being managed daily by local people with support from Upper Springfield Community Safety Forum, and Falls Community Council. Early reports indicate that the scheme is operating well.

Proposed Fencing Project, Ballymurphy

Grosvenor Road Neighbourhood officers responsible for the Ballymurphy area have initiated work with a Nursery and Youth Centre regards ASB issues. Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), BCC and local residents are in agreement with police to progress a proposed project that will replace the alleyway fencing at the entrance to the Nursery convenient to New Barnsley Crescent and Moyard Parade.

This alleyway has attracted ASB in the past. Should the fencing be replaced, the Principle of the Nursery intends to commission local people to paint the new fence with cultural murals. It is the collective hope of those involved that by introducing an element of ownership of the fence to the local people that this will help reduce ASB.

Crime Prevention at Colin Valley Golf Club

Constable Ward has been in contact with staff at Colin Valley Golf club and has provided crime prevention advice regards trespassers and people drinking within their grounds. The course is part of Colin Glen Forest Park and National Trust and is undergoing renovations with new driving ranges being built and new pitches planned for next year. Constable Ward will keep in touch with the Club as work progresses.

Working in Partnership to reduce ASB

As a result of feuds within the Traveller's camps Constable Ball has been working with outside agencies to include Belfast City Council, Social Services, Community Restorative Justice Ireland and the Housing Executive to decrease criminal offences and antisocial behaviour within the traveller's camps. In addition, Constable Ball has attended a number of meetings with the Statutory agencies in an effort to improve communications between police and members of the Travelling community.

Reports of Quads and Scramblers, Highfields

On Thursday the 18th of August Neighbourhood police met with local representatives from the Highfield area to discuss issues (mainly occurring on a Sunday) regards quads and scramblers in the area. Officers distributed calling cards to encourage members of the community to contact police and report these incidents as and when they occur to assist police to provide a prompt and thorough response. All those present at the meeting were in agreement that positive progress would be made with police and BCC continuing to work together. Since this meeting took place timely reports have been received and police have been in the area and continue their efforts to resolve this problem.

Parking Issues, New Barnsley

An issue came to light regards antisocial parking In New Barnsley Gardens that had led to increased tension amongst neighbours. This quickly escalated to allegations of assault and criminal damage. Ballymurphy Neighbourhood officers, in conjunction with the car clamping service, have addressed this issue through targeted patrolling and vehicle clamping. An investigation into offences alleged has taken place and persons have been reported to the PPS. This has resulted in reduced tensions in the area.

ASB Patrol, Colin Glen Forrest Park

On the 23rd of September 2011 Woodbourne Neighbourhood Team carried out a successful ASB patrol of Colin Glen forest park. Approximately 30 to 40 persons were spoken to, moved on, and approximately 100 units of alcohol seized.

An additional 20 units of alcohol were also seized at St Agnes Drive after 3 young people made off as police approached. Woodbourne Neighbourhood officers seized over 150 units of alcohol during September alone.

Preventative Policing Operations, Lower Falls

Preventative ASB and car crime operations, planned by the Lower Falls Neighbourhood officers, took place in the Divis area. These Operations proved to be very successful with 260 units of alcohol seized and 7 reports submitted to BCC for on street drinking. Furthermore, there were no incidents of ASB or car crime reported in this area whilst these operations were ongoing.

ASB, Lower Falls,

Lower Falls officers continue to work closely with Falls Residents Association in relation to ASB. A number of reports have been submitted by the officers to the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) in relation to ASB. Where young people are involved in ASB, the officers work closely with Youth Diversion Officers (YDO) and Youth Justice Agency (YJA). ASB forms are also being submitted where adults are found to be engaging in ASB, particularly in connection to glue sniffing and incidents arising as a result of substance abuse.

ASB, Clonard Rise

Neighbourhood officers for the Clonard area have been liaising with residents and local agencies regards several reports of young people causing problems for a local resident. Due to police involvement the resident secured a much wanted move through the housing executive and was very appreciative of police help, sending a thank you card into Grosvenor Road Neighbourhood office.

ASB, Giants Foot

Meetings were held with the residents of Giants Foot and partner agencies in an effort to curb ASB in the area. To address frustration felt by local residents when reporting ASB matters, local Neighbourhood officers prepared and distributed leaflets that included up to date contact details for all agencies as well as information on how and when to call each agency. Officers are focused on building their relationships with the community and to find a long term resolution to local ASB issues.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Meadowhill Grange

Constable Ball has been in contact with residents of the Meadowhill Grange area regarding the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the area. At the time of report, the scheme is in the final stages of being registered and approved.

Local police are very keen to assist with the establishment of more Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across West Belfast. Hillhead Neighbourhood Watch was the first scheme to be established in West Belfast and this will be followed by Meadowhill. Should anyone be interested in starting up a Neighbourhood Watch in their local area, please speak to a member of your local Neighbourhood Team. Contact details are below.

Grosvenor Road Neighbourhood Team, led by Inspector Watton, Sergeant Wilson, and Acting Sergeant Moore:

Grosvenor Neighbourhood Direct Line Number — 02890 700587

Ring or Text Grosvenor Neighbourhood on - 07825 013877

E-mail Grosvenor Road Neighbourhood on – NPTGrosvenorRoad@psni.pnn.police.uk

Grosvenor Road Police Station is open 24 hours, 7 days per week.

Woodbourne Neighbourhood Team, led by Inspector Wise, Sergeant Byrne and Sergeant Robinson:

Woodbourne Neighbourhood Direct Line Number — 02890 259899

Ring or Text Woodbourne Neighbourhood on – 07734 909733

E-mail Woodbourne Neighbourhood on – NPTWoodbourne@psni.pnn.police.uk

Woodbourne Police Station is open 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week.

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(3) Section 3(1)(a) of the Anti-Social Behaviour (NI) Order 2004 defines Anti-Social Behaviour as: a person who has acted in an anti-social manner, that is to say, in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr 2010 -Sep 2010	Apr 2011 -Sep 2011	Variation from last year
4.1 To ensure that Neighbourhood officers work at least 80% of their duty hours on neighbourhood policing duties in their local area.	-	98.79%	
Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance			
<p>Neighbourhood officers spent an average of 98.5% of their time on Neighbourhood policing duties in their local area over this reporting period. This can be broken down as:</p> <p>97.18% in April, 100.0% in May, 98.31% in June, 99.74% in July, 97.99% in August, 99.56% in September.</p>			

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr 2010 -Sep 2010	Apr 2011 -Sep 2011	Variation from last year
5.1 To hold four surgeries, themed around local priorities, by April 2012, in partnership with the DPP and other partners such as the community, community activists, residents associations and statutory partners. (4)	-	-	

Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

Community Surgery, Upper Falls
 On Thursday the 1st of September 2011 members of the local community were invited to attend a community surgery in Upper Falls. The event, held in a Parish Hall, Blacks Road, provided an opportunity for residents in the local area to meet representatives from the local NPT, alongside representatives from NIHE, BCC and Victim Support, and raise in person any issues that may be impacting upon their quality of life.

The Community Surgery was organised by Inspector Wise from Woodbourne Neighbourhood, and originated from the Local Policing Plan for West Belfast. During consultations within the local planning process it was decided that four community surgery events would be held over the course of the year, which would provide an informal environment for local people to raise any concerns that they may have about day to day life in their local community.

Given that issues such as antisocial behaviour can require input from other agencies in order to find long lasting, effective solutions, police felt that in order for residents to have their concerns noted by the relevant agency, it would be better if representatives from the different organisations were all present, in the same room at the same time. Where there is a shared responsibility for an issue, it can now be raised with all parties at the same time within the surgery, and where follow up is required, the individual will have the relevant contact details of the person that they need to speak to.

Some very positive engagement took place on the 1st of September, the first event of this kind to be held within West Belfast, and a number of issues ranging from drugs to antisocial behaviour were outlined as causes for concern. The local Neighbourhood Policing Team has been looking at ways in which these concerns can be addressed.

All those who attended completed feedback questionnaires which were all very supportive of this event and would welcome further events. Feedback of this nature is really important as it helps to shape service delivery. Police would like to thank all of those who took the time and effort to attend the surgery and share their views.

(4) A surgery refers to a time when neighbourhood officers will be available at a local venue to respond to residents' concerns and gain a better understanding of local issues to enable the delivery of tailor made policing unique to the needs of those who live and work in West Belfast. Other partner agencies will also be invited to attend.

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr 2010 -Sep 2010	Apr 2011 -Sep 2011	Variation from last year
6.1 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 3%. (1,5)	299	369	+70 (+23.4%)

Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

The number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes in West Belfast had increased by the end of this reporting period. However, it is now known that significant improvements have been made at the start of quarter 3 and it is therefore hoped that the figures shown here will be reversed by the next report.

At the time of producing this report, no Districts were meeting the 3 percentage point improvement figure for this target.

(5) Domestic abuse is an under-reported crime. Measures will be taken by the Police Service to increase and encourage reporting of domestic crimes by providing victims with the confidence to make a report to police. Police in West Belfast will continue to seek to improve clearance rates for domestic related crime as stated.

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr 2010 -Sep 2010	Apr 2011 -Sep 2011	Variation from last year
7.1 To increase the detection rate for violence with injury by 3 percentage points. (1,6)	31.5%	30.0%	-1.5% pts
7.2 To increase the detection rate for domestic violence with injury crimes by 5 percentage points. (1,7)	39.1%	29.8%	-9.3% pts

Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

The detection rate for violence with injury crimes was 30%, and whilst this is an increase of 0.5% on the previous quarter, it is a slight reduction on the previous year and does not currently meet the 3 percentage point improvement target.

At the mid point of this year, the detection rate for domestic violence with injury crimes was 29.8%. Police continue to take a pro active approach to domestic related crime, and alongside partner agencies, will continue to attempt to provide victims with increased confidence enabling them to ask for help, make a report, or proceed with a prosecution.

A District Domestic Abuse Update

Domestic Motivation : Offences recorded, detected, detection rate and Incidents
A District
Financial Year to Date Comparison - Current FYTD is 01 Apr to 04 Nov 2011
Total Recorded Crime and Incidents

	Total Offences Recorded			Total Offences Detected		Detection Rate			Incidents		
	PFYTD	FYTD	Change	PFYTD	FYTD	PFYTD	FYTD	% point change	PFYTD	FYTD	Change
A District	804	613	-191	333	310	41.4%	50.6%	9.2%	1984	1649	-335
North Belfast	458	366	-92	207	202	45.2%	55.2%	10.0%	1130	991	-139
West Belfast	346	247	-99	126	108	36.4%	43.7%	7.3%	854	658	-196
Service	5884	5678	-206	2613	2382	44.4%	42.0%	-2.5%	13710	14163	453

The table above provides statistics on offences and incidents with a domestic motivation in West and North Belfast, alongside those for the Service. Please note that the period examined is 01/04/11 to 04/11/11.

There have been 196 fewer incidents reported with a domestic motivation in West Belfast, 99 fewer crimes reported with a domestic motivation in West Belfast, and an increase of 7.3% points in the detection rate for those crimes when compared against last year.

On the 26th of September A District Domestic Abuse Officers attended the inaugural meeting of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Operational Group. With the introduction and roll out of MARAC now complete, the strategic steering group has been stood down, and the MARAC Operational Group has been created. The Operational Group will act as a much needed forum to allow the discussion of practice issues and the sharing of information with the aim of promoting consistent good practice regionally across MARAC areas. Sergeant Eakin will be attending this operational group on a regular basis as MARAC Chair for A District.

A District referred 64 victims through the MARAC process this quarter, 10 of whom were repeat victims.

Work with the Domestic Violence Partnership sub-group continues. Study work has been carried out within the sub-group in relation to the emotional issues experienced by victims of domestic violence at various stages of their journey through the criminal justice system. Specific points examined during the time line included reporting the offence, investigation, pre-court, at court and after court. The feedback obtained from victims has contributed to the development of a tool which identifies a range of emotions to ensure that the appropriate support is given at the appropriate time.

The website for this partnership can be viewed on www.belfastdvp.co.uk which has many links to supportive groups and agencies.

Police continue to work with the community to raise awareness of domestic abuse issues across North and West Belfast.

Domestic Abuse officers were present with their Neighbourhood colleagues at the Police Surgery in the Upper Falls area on 1st September and were available to meet members of the local community, discuss issues, provide personal advice and assorted literature.

Sergeant Eakin and her team have been invited to an awareness event due to be held at Ballysillan Leisure Centre during October hosted by Glenbrook Surestart as part of their Parent's Week. Glenbrook Surestart work with families with children under the age of 4 years in Ardoyne, Ligoniel and Cliftonville ward areas.

As a result of the increased partnership between local Neighbourhood officers working in the Shankill area, and Integrated Services for Children and Young People (ISCYP), a request has been made for a presentation from police explaining the role of the Public Protection Team, and more specifically the Domestic Abuse Unit. ISCYP provide services within the Greater Shankill area including family support, behavioural support, speech and language support, child therapy and counselling, with the aim to improve the life chances of children and young people. Sergeant Eakin has also organised Women's Aid representatives to attend this presentation, scheduled for October.

(6) Violence with injury crimes are defined as offences of murder, manslaughter, infanticide, child destruction, attempted murder, causing death/GBH by dangerous driving /aggravated vehicle taking, wounding/GBH with intent, firearms/explosives offences endangering life, administering poison, wounding/GBH and AOABH.

(7) Quarterly reports to the DPP will include a report on domestic abuse.

Section 2) Additional information [OPTIONAL]

Positive Feedback on the work of West Belfast Neighbourhood Teams

An event took place in Conway Mill on the 3rd of August, entitled, 'Dealing With The Past'. Feedback on the event was provided to the Area Commander regards the discussions that took place on both past and present policing. During these discussions the Neighbourhood Teams in West Belfast were spoken of very highly with people in attendance commenting on the hard work being done by the teams to build trust and confidence. Particular reference was made to the ongoing work taking place between the officers and local young people.

On Patrol with Andersonstown News

Neighbourhood officers responsible for the Ballymurphy area conducted an ASB patrol accompanied by representatives from the Andersonstown News. This resulted in a positive two page article in the newspaper that publicised the work that police have been, and will continue to, perform in Ballymurphy and the wider West Belfast area to tackle antisocial behaviour and crime issues affecting the community.

Building Relations Between Police and Young People

The next section of this report focuses on initiatives with young people.

Firework Safety lessons within the Citizenship and Safety Education (CASE) programme were delivered to the following schools and clubs during this quarter:

St. Claire's - entire school

Grosvenor Rec After School Clubs at Grosvenor Community Centre - 30 students

St. Joseph's Primary School - Primary 5, 6 and 7.

Firework Safety presentations also continued into quarter 3, throughout the month of October, and leaflets were handed to schools about the dangers of Fireworks.

Stranger Danger lessons within the CASE programme were delivered to students and young people at Blackmountain Primary School, Highfield Primary School, and Grosvenor Rec during this period.

Officers have been liaising with St Kevin's Primary school regards Operation School Gate, detailed below, and are now working towards the delivery of Case lessons at the school.

On Thursday the 25th of August Constable Taylor delivered a one to one education session on knife crime as part of a youth conference.

Again, as part of a youth conference, Constable Taylor delivered a one to one session on Role of the Police at the Youth Justice Agency.

As detailed in previous reports, another Work Shadowing Programme took place, week commencing Monday the 26th of September, for 9 students from St Genevieve's.

Constable Bethel organised a Teddy Bears picnic in conjunction with BCC, for the second year in a row, at Falls Park. Woodbourne Neighbourhood officers, Constable Taylor, the schools liaison officer, Roads Policing officers and representatives from the Fire Service and Ambulance Service were all present. This was a family focused event and Woodbourne NPT had a positive response from local members of the community who attended.

Constable Patton and Allen attended several meetings at Blackmountain Community Centre throughout this reporting period and interacted with the young people there. The officers accompanied the young people on an outing to an activity centre enabling informal interaction and potential misconceptions to be broken down thus improving future relationships.

Constable Cunningham and Constable Lilburn continue to be involved with Holy Trinity Youth Club, whether through stopping by informally for a chat, or by giving planned presentations to the young people about various issues. Plans were in place for presentations regards knife crime and firework safety to be delivered during October and updates can be provided in future reports.

Operation School Gate

Operation School Gate was implemented at the end of August to coincide with the beginning of the new school term and continues at the time of this report. This operation involves patrols in the surrounding areas, and through, the local schools before the school day starts. Operation School Gate has now been extended to include patrols at school finishing time as well.

When conducting foot patrols outside local schools, such as St John The Baptist School, Finaghy Road North, and St Kevin's Primary School, Falls Road, police have also been assisting with traffic and parking issues and use this valued opportunity to interact with and speak to children, parents and teachers and discuss any other issues that may arise. Whilst on one such patrol, Constable Ruddy spoke with several children whom she had previously provided a 'Stranger Danger' class to. Feedback on this initiative has been extremely positive and many parents have expressed their thanks.

Turf Lodge Residents Association Meetings

Woodbourne Neighbourhood officers continue to attend Turf Lodge Residents Association meeting. At the last meeting, attended by Constable Cunningham and Bethel during this quarter, topics discussed and progressed included those of drug use and supply, quads and scramblers, the proposed installation of a gate at Monagh Drive, and bonfire issues and bonfire planning for next year.

Constable Cunningham discussed the PSNI West Belfast Facebook page with those present and outlined how it can be a very responsive, useful, and practical means for promoting safety messages and sharing information with the local community, especially younger people. Posts regards home security advice for example, have been placed onto Facebook by Neighbourhood officers.

Accessibility of Local Officers

Constable Patton and Constable Allen attended the Highfield Community Meeting on the 28th of September 2011. One of the issues raised with police regarded the accessibility of local officers. As a result of this, mobile numbers for the individual Neighbourhood officers have been given out. Highfield Neighbourhood officers continue to attend the Greater Shankill Forum meeting at Farset International Hotel.

Cupar Street Clinic Meetings

During this period, police had a meeting with Cupar Street Clinic. The meeting was primarily in relation to bonfire wood being dumped, but also included discussions regards what will happen when the clinic closes and when the transfer is going to happen.

Ethnic Minorities Convention

Constable Bethel represented the PSNI at an ethnic minorities convention which was held on Sunday the 25TH of September at Falls Park Bowling Club. This provided an opportunity for Constable Bethel to meet other representatives present at the event and to discuss local issues.

Neighbourhood Policing, St. James

Grosvenor Road Neighbourhood officers continue to try and make inroads towards holding a community meeting in the St. James area but have thus far been advised by the local forum that a meeting between police and the local community could not yet be facilitated at this time. Officers take the opportunity when on foot patrol to personally speak to local residents who are very welcoming, are pleased to see police in the area and advise that they would be willing to attend a meeting with police. Local officers are continuing their efforts in an attempt to have a meeting set up which would provide all members of the community with an equal opportunity to share their feelings and thoughts regards policing in their area.

Successful Opening of the Rise Project

September saw the eagerly awaited opening of the Rise Project. This passed without incident and police were thanked by the builders, council and designer for their assistance and help throughout the building process.

This year, with the building of the Rise Project at Broadway, tensions in the community were high that this may act as a catalyst to disturbances as the month of July in particular has previously witnessed major public disturbances and disorder. Patrols in the area were increased and extra crews detailed to cover the area to ensure that any potential issues that arose were dealt with as quickly as possible to prevent any escalation of violence or disorder. With the exception of the disturbances of the evening of the 11th of July, the month passed relatively peacefully compared to previous years.

Robbery Arrest Examples

The Crime Team arrested one male suspect in West Belfast on the 2nd of August following an investigation by colleagues from A District CID regards a 24 hour crime spree that took place at the end of March 2011. The male was arrested for offences to include two attempted robberies at Bookmakers premises, one at Little Donegall Street, and one on Springfield Road, possession of an offensive weapon, possession of a firearm with intent, and dangerous driving with intent to inflict grievous bodily injury. Follow up searches after the arrest for evidence linked to the offences also led to the seizure of two cannabis plants in the York Road area. The investigation continues.

One male was arrested by the Crime Team on the 5th of August on suspicion of robbery. This arrest was related to the robbery of a cash in transit delivery that took place on the 25th of July 2011 at McDonald's Restaurant, Westwood Centre, Kennedy Way. The male who was detained was identified through CCTV footage from the delivery vehicle and after interview he was charged with the offence.

Planning for Halloween

A Halloween safety initiative, designed by Crime Prevention officers and funded by the District Policing Partnership, was launched to primary school children across North and West Belfast at the end of September by Constable Connolly, a Crime Prevention officer within A District. The *Spooktacular* initiative, a colouring competition, was designed to reinforce trick or treating safety messages. A poster accompanies the colouring competition which outlines a number of safety messages that teachers can talk to pupils about. The overall winner of the competition will be presented with a laptop for their school.

In the run up to Halloween Neighbourhood officers visited local shops and reminded shopkeepers and their employees of their responsibilities regard the sale of fireworks. This was scheduled to be repeated before the Halloween weekend in quarter 3 as the sale and use of fireworks represents a considerable risk over this period.

Whilst at the Ardmonagh Family and Community Group in September, Constable Lilburn suggested the delivery of a Firework Safety presentation at the centre to local children to advise them about firework safety in the approach to Halloween. The Centre was keen for this to happen but was approaching local parents before any decisions would be made.

Neighbourhood officers seized 40 bangers from young people in Balkan Street on the 23rd of September. As a result, two sets of parents were spoken to and 5 young people were reported to the Youth Diversion officer.

Joint enforcement operations were carried out with BCC during Woodbourne and Grosvenor Road Neighbourhood late shifts.

Update on Initiatives and Projects referred to in the previous report

Immaculata Football Club received the full grant of £5000 from BCC Small Grants Fund. Unfortunately the Boxing Club was unsuccessful in their funding application due to not having a mission statement. However other funding was secured for the boxing club through the Area Commander, Chief inspector Bond, to the sum of £500. In addition, NPT are currently exploring other funding sources for the club. These efforts have enabled police to develop further links to the local community both within and through the club.

BCC and Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) authorities continue to progress the proposal that BCC could adopt the RVH site for enforcement purposes. BCC have outlined the steps that Belfast Trust need to take to enable this matter to progress further. Constable Quaile keeps up to date with progress through his monthly meetings with RVH staff and will assist where possible.

The pumping station at the bottom of Distillery Street has been secured and at the time of report a clean-up operation is in process around the grounds. The owners of the newly opened Distillery Street car park also own the land in front of the pumping station and through discussions with police have advised Constable Quaile that they intend to give the area a facelift to encourage more custom and to give the general area a much needed lift.

Constable Ward has had positive interest in the delivery of suicide intervention training from members of Suffolk Community Centre and at the time of this report he is in the process of arranging for the training to be delivered alongside a Stay Safe Talk. Training was also delivered to Mater Dei Hostel, Antrim Road, at the end of September.

Interface Update

Operational figures indicate that there have been a total of 200 interface incidents across A District between the 1st of April and the 30th of September 2011. This breaks down as 72 in West Belfast and 128 in North Belfast. The Invest NI/Flush Bend site continues to be the main interface problem in West Belfast with the majority of reports concerning young people throwing items at each other, stoning traffic and rioting.

It would appear that young people continue to travel to various interface sites as previously reported. For example, on the 24th of September, a group of young people spoken to at Peter's Hill / Brown Square stated that they would be heading to the Invest NI site.

In response to incidents at the Invest NI/Flush Bend area, dedicated patrols were put in place around the site, to include the North side of the peace wall. Neighbourhood officers ensured that local representatives were kept updated and advised regards police presence.

Woodbourne Neighbourhood Team held meetings with Colin Forest working group and an ad hoc group consisting of local councillors, community representatives and Belfast City Council. Following the meetings Woodbourne NPT put in place a 4 week operation focussing on Horn Drive, Blacks Road,

Stewartstown Road, and Suffolk Road. The operation was aimed at reducing incidents at interface areas, alongside the levels of antisocial behaviour and on street drinking. Woodbourne NPT carried out mobile patrols of the highlighted areas and were accompanied by members of Belfast City Council.

Interface incidents have declined in the area since local groupings received funding for diversionary programs.

Constable Ward has been speaking with relevant persons in relation to securing gates at the Oranmore interface. The area between the fence and the interface is due to be developed for allotments and a mutually shared community park. An agreement has been reached where some of the persons involved in the Garden Project will clean up some rubbish which had been dumped behind the fence. Padlocks will be fitted to the gate and keys held by Total Tree Care and the Garden Project.

Constable Ruddy and Constable Taylor have had meetings with representatives from Suffolk and Lenadoon Interface Group (SLIG) where reports of alleged interface problems were discussed alongside facilitating a visit to Steeple Police Station.

Section 3) Area's progress towards achieving targets in the Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2011/12

Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Contribution Apr 2010 – Sep 2010	Area Contribution Apr 2011 – Sep 2011	Target on course to be met (including % change)		
			Area	District	Northern Ireland
1.1 To reduce the number of burglaries by 3%.	249	232	-17 (-6.8%)	-168 (-19.5%)	-765 (-12.2%)
1.2 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 2 percentage points.	9.6%	9.5%	-0.1% pts	-1.4% pts	+2.3% pts
2.2 To establish a baseline of the number of antisocial behaviour incidents during Quarter 1 and achieve a reduction in subsequent quarters.	865	897	+32 (+3.7%)	+233 (+10.7%)	+2169 (+13.3%)
4.2 To reduce the number of allegations of incivility made against police officers by 5%.	21	9	-12 (-57.1%)	-37 (-57.8%)	-113 (-30.6%)
6.1 To demonstrate the PSNI's contribution to reducing the number of adults and children killed or seriously injured on the road through 6 monthly reports.	12	7	-5	-9	-42
7.1 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 3%.	299	369	+70 (+23.4%)	+25 (+3.3%)	+82 (+1.3%)

Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Contribution Apr 2010 – Sep 2010	Area Contribution Apr 2011 – Sep 2011	Target on course to be met (including % change)		
			Area	District	Northern Ireland
To increase the detection rate for serious crimes					
8.1 Violence with injury crimes by 3 percentage points.	31.5%	30.0	-1.5% pts	-4.4% pts	-2.9% pts
8.2 Domestic violence with injury crimes by 5 percentage points.	39.1%	29.8%	-9.3% pts	-1.2% pts	-2.7% pts
8.3 More serious sexual crime by 2 percentage points.	30.0%	28.6%	-1.4% pts	+3.5% pts	+5.3% pts
8.4 Homophobic crime by 4 percentage points.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0% pts	-40.0% pts	-1.2% pts
8.5 Racist crime by 2 percentage points.	0.0%	50.0%	+50.0% pts	+30.2% pts	+5.4% pts
8.6 Sectarian crime by 2 percentage points.	25.0%	14.3%	-10.7% pts	-22.8% pts	-10.0% pts
9.1 To reduce the number of armed robberies of business property by 3%.	20	12	-8 (-40.0%)	-22 (-46.8%)	-64 (-40.8%)