



KNOWLE AND DORRIDGE AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM NEWSLETTER

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD SAFER AND BETTER COMMUNITIES

Welcome to your new look newsletter from the Knowle and Dorridge are Neighbourhood Police team. Currently, our crime and incident statistics are beat based and just to remind you of the areas we cover within our neighbourhood, they are:

- Beat 7 – Knowle
- Beat 8 – Dorridge, Bentley Heath and Hockley Heath.
- Beat 20- Cheswick Green, Dickens Heath, Tidbury Green and Earlswood.

There are proposals pending to make our beats ward based and I will update you with information on this in due course.

CRIME STATISTICS

The below table depicts recorded crime statistics from 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006.

Beat	Burglary	Vehicle Crime	Robbery	Criminal Damage	Violent Crime(Not Inc. Robbery & Sexual Offences)	Total Recorded Crime
7	24	60	12	71	45	384
8	40	87	13	64	48	422
20	37	117	12	112	47	498

The following table shows recorded crime statistics from April-Sept 2006 and compares them to the same period in 2005. Green depicts a decrease, blue no change and red an increase.

	Apr - Sep 05	Apr - Sep 06		Apr - Sep 05	Apr - Sep 06		Apr - Sep 05	Apr - Sep 06		Apr - Sep 05	Apr - Sep 06		Apr - Sep 05	Apr - Sep 06		Apr - Sep 05	Apr - Sep 06	
7	16	10		32	35		6	3		37	37		27	15		194	198	
8	26	15		34	65		4	0		24	34		24	17		187	235	
20	21	32		45	80		2	0		25	37		18	23		206	257	

CURRENT OPERATIONS AND INITIATIVES

OPERATION MULBERRY is a number of police tactics and initiatives, working together, with partner agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour and youth issues. High visible patrols continue and a number of youths have been arrested for drunkenness offences, criminal damage, attempted robbery and public order offences. Three of our troublesome youths are currently on bail with curfew conditions. Other activities to address this issue on a longer-term, include, involvement of youth services, a meeting with adults and youths to bridge the generation gap, education within schools, test purchasing at local off-licence to curtail alcohol supply and consideration of a dispersal order.

OPERATION MOMENTUM is a force-wide drive using local initiatives to reduce overall crime. As can be seen from the tables, vehicle crime, especially on beat 20 has increased and a number of measures are in force to address this. For example, high visible daily patrols of our 'hot-spot' locations, working with owners of pubs and hotels to put into place crime prevention measures to reduce the opportunity to commit crime and ANPR operations.

POLICE SURGERIES

Police surgeries are being held on a monthly basis with the time-table as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday 6 November 2006 Monday 4 December 2006	1000-1200	KNOWLE Library High Street, Knowle.
Tuesday 7 November 2006 Tuesday 5 December 2006	1000-1200	DORRIDGE Community Police Station – Forest Court car park.
Wednesday 1 November 2006 Wednesday 6 December 2006	1000-1200	HOCKLEY HEATH Community Police Stn -Hockley Heath Recreation ground
Wednesday 8 November 2006 Wednesday 13 December 2006	1215-1415	DICKENS HEATH Village Hall
Thursday 9 November 2006 Thursday 14 December 2006	1400-1600	CHESWICK GREEN Village Hall

The Police surgeries are run by our neighbourhood team and encourage members of the local community to visit them and discuss any policing issues that concern them. The Police surgeries also allow people to have a better say on issues that they consider a local policing priority. Please encourage any members of your community to use the police surgeries or call in yourself.

OTHER NEWS

Our team has now moved from Balsall Common and is now based at Shirley Police Station.
Our contact details are :

Address – Shirley Police Station, 285, Stratford Road, Shirley. B90 3AR.
Telephone – 0845 113 5000 extension 7928 6264
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You can also contact me via email to a.strachan@west-midlands.police.uk or visit the West Midlands Police website at www.west-midlands.police.uk and from their you can access the Solihull neighbourhood policing site which has further information.

If you have any issues that you wish to discuss with myself or any of your neighbourhood police team, please don't hesitate to contact us.

