



MARCH 2008 BULLETIN

NORTH & WEST SECTORS

Since the last update North and West Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT's) have been very busy with planned operations tackling a number of issues that have been highlighted as being important to the residents across North and West Swindon. I have highlighted only a small proportion of the activity by the eight Neighbourhood Policing Teams (Swindon North, Haydon Wick, Moredon, Penhill, Pinehurst, Cheney Manor, West Swindon North and West Swindon South)

During February two planned warrants were executed relating to weapons and firearms, following information from the community. On each occasion replica firearms were located and destroyed. Although these items, in particular, were not illegal to possess and own in your own home, the owners agreed to have them destroyed to ensure they did not fall into the wrong hands. Any information relating to illegal weapons and their use is treated very seriously.

Although there has been a considerable decrease in antisocial behaviour (ASB) across the North and West Sector, Penhill NPT has seen an increase in the last 2 months.

The Beat Manager PC Tom Evans highlighted this at an early stage and organised a plain-clothes operation for one week in February.

As a result the key offenders were identified and their parents informed of their activities. They will now face further interaction with a number of partnerships to ensure they don't re offend.

You may be aware of the recent eviction of a family and their children from a Swindon Borough Council property in Penhill.

There were numerous reports this family had been responsible for causing ASB in the area. The Penhill NPT, along with Swindon Borough Council worked very hard with the community to stop this family inflicting their behaviour on others. Although the family's two sons were given injunctions not to enter Penhill, the court also felt it was serious enough to evict the parents. This sends out a clear message to all families engaged in crime and ASB that they could lose their home.

The majority of antisocial behaviour is committed by youths and is fuelled by alcohol.

Op Disrupt has been set up to deal with ASB on the North and West Sector of Swindon. Research shows that ASB can lead to criminal damage and minor assaults. The operation is almost completely staffed by PCSOs to target reported 'Hot Spots' and respond quickly to incidents of ASB.

In addition to this a government-funded operation (Op Delmonte) was run during February to tackle the sale and consumption of alcohol by youths. A large amount of alcohol was seized from youths and several commercial premises identified as being responsible for selling to the under aged. The individuals and parents will receive further intervention from the partnerships whilst the companies responsible for selling alcohol to the under aged will be considered for prosecution.

North and West NPT's will be producing their own individual monthly newsletter at the end of February. These will be distributed to a number of key locations such as libraries, schools and shops as well as electronically. They will inform the community of what is happening in their area, who they can contact and will provide updates and progress relating to the priorities. They will also include some useful telephone numbers and indicate who your local police are.

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