

The District Crime and Disorder Partnership Structure

The Stroud Crime & Disorder Partnership is working to reduce Crime & Disorder and the fear of Crime & Disorder in the Stroud District.

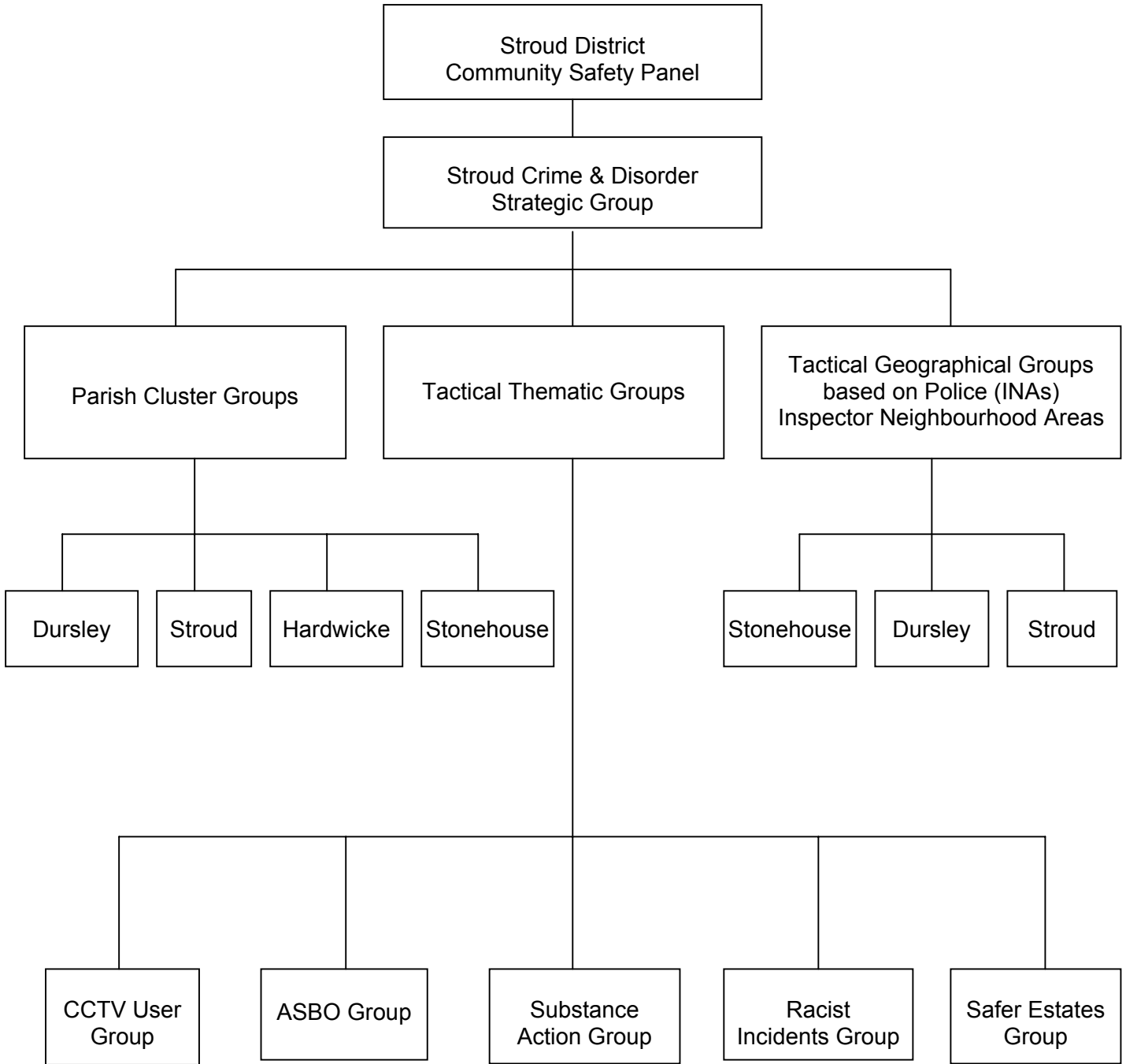
The Stroud District is a geographically large and diverse area. It covers 45,318 hectares from the River Severn in the west to the boundary with the Cotswold District in the east, and from South Gloucestershire in the south to the outskirts of Gloucester City in the north. The District is largely rural with a population of 108,000 mostly centred around the historic towns of Berkeley, Cam, Dursley, Minchinhampton, Nailsworth, Painswick, Stonehouse, Stroud and Wotton-under-Edge.

Although co-operation between agencies, groups and communities within the District has taken place for many years, it was not until the Crime and Disorder Act that this was put onto a formal footing. As a new formal concept it was, understandably, interpreted in different ways in different districts and as the months passed best practices were identified and adapted to make the structure as flexible and effective as possible, whilst still meeting the needs of the district. Now, four years on, a proactive set up with a structure with short effective lines of communication exists.

An overarching group known as the **Community Safety Partnership for the Stroud District** meets twice a year. Here all agencies involved in the crime and disorder process throughout the District are able to attend a single meeting where they are updated as to the ongoing activities of the Crime and Disorder Partnership whilst at the same time highlighting their own contribution to the process. The range of people attending includes all the agencies such as Police, Social Services, Education, elected members of the County District and Parish Councils as well as voluntary organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch, Victim Support and Citizens Advice Bureau and others.

Immediately beneath this overarching group is the **Crime and Disorder Strategic Group, from April 2004 this group will merge with the Cotswolds and will cover both Districts.** This group has membership drawn from all the agencies involved in the Crime and Disorder process, the final representation yet to be completed. It is anticipated that Members will include the Divisional Commander of Police or his deputy, the head of Social Services for the two districts, Youth Service, Housing Departments, Victim Support, Neighbourhood Watch Association and the Community Safety Staff for both District Councils. This group will give direction to those who are operating at a tactical level through the current strategy and will continue to do so for the new strategy, which will cover both partnership areas thus allowing partners who are responsible for both to have one strategy for their areas. In addition the Police reform Act 2002 requires the Police Authority to be represented on the partnership and from the 1st April 2004 the Primary Care Trusts will be a legally responsible partner.

The following working groups will not be altered by the new arrangement of the strategic group. The tactical groups that operate within the district include geographically based groups located on the three Police Inspector Neighbourhood Areas of Stroud, Stonehouse and Dursley. Membership of these groups include the local Police Inspector, the Community Safety Officer for the district and representatives from Social Services, Youth and Community Services, the Youth Offending Team, the District Council Housing Department and all those agencies that work together under the Crime and Disorder Act. In addition to the geographically based tactical groups mentioned above, there are also thematic tactical groups operating in the district. Those groups are the CCTV User group for Stroud and Dursley, the Racial Incidents Group combining the Cotswold and Stroud Districts, the Substance Action Group for the Stroud area, the Anti-Social Behaviour Group and the Safer Estates Group. These thematic groups operate, as their names suggest, in relation to their given subjects.



Whilst the District remains a very safe, low crime area and the Partnership continues to work towards maintaining and improving community safety, a series of priorities has been identified, which are both desirable and essential to improving the quality of life for the people both living and working in the District.

The local priorities for the Stroud District Crime & Disorder Partnership have been identified as follows:

- **Disorder**, including disturbances in the street, graffiti and other types of criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and includes the anti social use of motor vehicles.
- **Acquisitive crime**, especially car crime and burglary.
- **Violent crime** including domestic violence and street violence.
- **Fear of crime** – a survey to be carried out halfway through this Strategy, and at the end of it, assessing people's perceptions of crime.
- **Young people**, both as victims and perpetrators of crime, as well as opportunities for crime prevention initiatives aimed at young people.
- **Drugs and alcohol**, as causes of criminal behaviour
- **Racial incidents** and crimes
- **The audit process** i.e. collating information by agencies in relation to results of actions and as a means of focusing future actions and measuring outputs of the agencies to achieve our desired outcomes.

From the priorities identified, objectives have been set for the crime and disorder partnership with anticipated outcomes from the work of the next three-year strategy.

Strategic Objectives

Objective 1.

To reduce incidence of disorder.

Disorder includes a variety of incidents from substantial criminal offences of disorder to reports of nuisance or noise. It may even be described as anything, which impacts, on the normal tranquillity of life within a community.

Targets.

1. To reduce the incidents of public disorder by 31st March 2005 as set against the baseline as at 31st March 2003.

The Police incident codes for identifying disorder changed on 1st October 2001, hence the baseline figure being set at 2003. The target for this strategy will be set when data for the first year is available

2. To reduce the offences of criminal damage by 31st March 2005 by 6% as set against the baseline as at 31st March 2002.

Criminal Damage consists of the unlawful damaging or destroying of property and includes damage by fire. There has been an upward trend in the district due primarily to changes in the way in which the Home Office counts certain groups of offences. It is often linked to drunken behaviour and often is the criminal result of Anti Social behaviour and Disorder. There is also a perception that it may in part be addressed by the provision of appropriate recreational facilities for young people. (Objective 4.).

3. To reduce public concern in relation to the anti social use of motor vehicles.

Prior to the formulation of this strategy, a survey was carried out which highlighted concerns by members of the public in relation to the anti social use of motor vehicles. In consequence a number of initiatives will be carried out. In order to measure the public perception in respect of how these initiatives have worked a further survey will be carried out mid term and at the conclusion of the strategy period.

Objective 2.

To reduce the number of offences relating to acquisitive crime

The term 'acquisitive crime' describes offences where the offender derives material gain from the crime. For the purpose of this strategy we will be targeting Burglary, where the offender enters a building as a trespasser and then steals or commits other offences, including offences committed by bogus callers, and Car crime which can be defined as stealing a vehicle, joyriding and stealing something from a vehicle. These offences are by their very nature often some of the most distressing of offences to befall a victim and are generally the most prevalent of offences in the District.

Targets.

1. To maintain a rate below 14.4 offences of domestic burglary per 1000 households for each year of the strategy.

To lose one's personal possessions by way of Theft is, as previously stated one of the most distressing of offences to befall its victim. Victims often state their feeling of repulsion and fear if their home has been violated in this way. If we are to reduce the Fear of Crime then incidents of this nature must be of paramount importance. The Partnership firmly believes in the fundamental right of a person to feel safe in their own home and this target will include within it burglaries described as Bogus Caller burglaries.

2. To reduce the number of non – domestic burglaries by 2% year on year until 2005.

Similar to Domestic Burglary, this offence occurs when an offender enters a building (other than someone's home) as a trespasser and then steals or commits certain other offences. In the Stroud District the level of Commercial Burglaries is not high, but when one considers this category also includes offences which relate to private garages and garden sheds as well as businesses, the impact on the individual is often as great as that on the victims of Domestic Burglary and the impact on the community at large can sometimes be greater.

3. To reduce the number of thefts from motor vehicles by 2% year on year until 2005.

Car crime is a high volume crime affecting many people. Due to the speed with which the offender can carry out his crime this is often the most difficult of offences to detect but given that a proportion of them are opportunist crimes it remains highly preventable.

Objective 3.

To reduce the availability and use of illegal drugs and the misuse of alcohol.

In addition to supporting, at District level, the Government 10 year Strategy for tackling drugs and the ' Gloucestershire Drugs and Alcohol Team's Action, as a Partnership we will carry out actions designed to disrupt drugs markets, tackle drug related crime and disorder and to strengthen the ability of communities to resist and react to drug misuse. This will be carried

out under the banner of 'Project Planet' and will be assisted through funds provided by Central Government under the 'Communities against Drugs' initiative.

Targets

1. To detect 20 offences of dealing in Class "A" drugs for each year of the Strategy.

The use of illegal drugs is frequently associated with other forms of criminal behaviour. In addition to it being a crime to possess and use the drugs, it is widely accepted that a large percentage of all acquisitive crime is committed to support drug addictions. As shown by the Survey and consultation, there is now real public concern about the availability and use of so called 'Hard' drugs.

2. Increase the number of drug dependent persons each year seeking assistance.

In addition to the cost in Criminal terms of people's addiction to drugs, there is a real cost in human terms to the health of those effected. This effect is passed onto those closely associated with them. The partnership will be seen to be successful in its aims if it targets those groups so affected and provides a real alternative to their current life style.

3. Increase the number of persons seeking support each year, who are suffering the effects of alcohol misuse.

Alcohol abuse is frequently associated with both anti-social and criminal behaviour including the anti-social use of motor vehicles. Alcohol consumption is increasing and concerns have been raised in respect of underage drinking and alcohol related health problems. In addition, anti-social behaviour caused by excessive drinking has an impact in many areas of community life. As with the issue of drug misuse, offenders and victims alike must be supported in finding an alternative life style.

Objective 4.

To reduce the impact of crime and disorder on young people in the District.

Young people, for the purposes of this strategy, those under 25 years of age, are often seen as the perpetrators of crime and disorder. Whilst statistics prove that the highest proportion of offenders fall within the 16 to 25 year old age bracket, it must also be remembered that Young People are disproportionately more likely to be the victims of crime than adults. In addition it should be noted that young offenders are a very small minority of the youth population of the District.

Targets

1. Reduce the number of young people each year who become victims of crime as set against the baseline as at 31st March 2002.

As previously stated, young people are often the victims of crime and not necessarily the perpetrators. Any victim is likely to suffer either emotionally or physically from their experiences. Due to their age, experience and perceptions this is likely to have a more profound effect on young people who will consequently require more emotional and physical support.

2. Reduce the number of people in the 15 – 17 year age group appearing before courts each year as set against the baseline as at 31st March 2002.

Young people are often the most impressionable group in society. (Peer pressure and boredom have long been regarded as contributory factors to youth offending). If they can be

so influenced, then the correct intervention may result in the antithesis. This will be achieved in many areas by many agencies.

Objective 5.

To reduce the incidence of violent crime within the district.

Violent Crime not only has a far reaching and enduring effect on it's victims, but the fear it induces within a community can greatly affect the way that community behaves and interacts. Whilst the level of violence is low in the District the fear of being a victim of it is disproportionate to the reality. If we reduce the reality and market our success then the fear should be greatly reduced.

Domestic Violence is defined as *“Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial, or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners regardless of gender. It will also include family members which are defined as mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents, in-laws and step family.”*

Targets

1. Reduce the number of violent crimes in public places year on year in years 2 and 3 against the baseline figure as of 31st March 2003. (Refer to Page 7 ** Objectives and Targets)

By their very nature the effects on the victim are often traumatic and long lasting. Often one encounter of a violent nature will cause an individual to change the way in which they conduct their lives, often to the detriment and hardship of the original victim. For the purposes of this target this will include Common Assault, Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm (ABH), Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH), Wounding, Manslaughter and Murder.

2. Increase the number of reports of domestic violence incidents by 10% by 2005 against the baseline figure as of 31st March 2003.**

Due to the very emotive nature of the offence, many victims do not report its occurrence until the abuse has taken place on a large number of occasions. Given the detrimental short and long term effects on those being subjected to, or witnessing such abuse, it is not tolerable to allow this to continue to be the case. There are also consistent links between domestic violence, child abuse and substance misuse.

3. Reduce the proportion of repeat victimisations of domestic violence by 5% year on year against the baseline figure as of 31st March 2003.

As already stated it is often the case that the victim has suffered such abuse for some considerable time before reporting the fact. It has also been proven statistically that if a victim has been subjected to domestic violence he/she is more likely to become a victim on subsequent occasions. If we are to prevent this occurring we must develop a 'Get it right first time' approach. It should be noted that the baseline figure being 31st March 2003 is to allow the comparison of accurate data.

*** Changes in the definitions and recording methods for Domestic Violence Incidents necessitate a full year for data capture to enable accurate and meaningful comparison.*

Objective 6.

To further develop the procedures to respond robustly and positively to racist incidents.

The Stroud District has a very small resident population of visible ethnic minority groups making up its population. It is recognised that however small the community there is always the potential for racism, and it is not the size of the ethnic community but the racism that can exist within the community at large which needs to be addressed. Whilst there have been very few racially motivated incidents in the area there is no room for complacency, as the potential for such behaviour undermines the very fabric of the community in which we live or work. It is also recognised that rural isolation further impacts on the effects of racism.

A racist incident is defined as *“Any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person.”*

Targets

- 1. To publicly launch the Cotswold and Stroud Racist Incidents Group in the year 2002.**

The responsibility for dealing with racist incidents does not lie with any sole agency, group or organisation but is the responsibility of everyone. However there needs to be a formal structure to inform, advise and respond in relation to racist incidents. By necessity any response will be on a multi agency basis. Having launched the group this will enable targets to be set for the improved reporting and management of racist incidents.

Objective 7.

To ensure that all organisations involved in the Crime and Disorder Partnership collate information in a compatible format.

Targets.

- 1. By 31st March 2003 to have in place a fully operational, integrated, information collation and dissemination system.**

Working in partnership with the Government Office South West and the five other Crime and Disorder partnerships within Gloucestershire, employ an analyst to work within the County Council MAIDEN project office.

MAIDEN is the Multi Agency Information Database for Neighborhoods.

While reading the following reports from the members of the Partnership please refer to pages (3 to 7) for a complete description of the objectives referred to.

SDC Community Safety

Changes within the section

Over the last twelve months the Community Safety Unit has continued to see a number of changes in respect of staff and function. The Community Safety Manager has several new officers working under the banner of Community Safety and has increased the capacity of the function of the unit.

Formerly the Community Safety Partnership Officer, but is now the Community Safety Officer, the role has evolved substantially over the past year with areas of new work being developed and embraced, and has acted as a pivotal member of the unit. The officer continues to successfully facilitate the tactical work of the Partnership, on behalf of all partners operating in the Stroud area, and has delivered recognisable and valuable resolutions to problems throughout the district. To this end, the post has now become a permanent post within the unit.

The Community Safety Officer 'Vehicles' primarily works on issues relating to vehicles as the title would suggest but in particular abandoned vehicles and taxis licensing. The role has seen the development of issues pertaining to any matters which involve vehicles in the district for Community Safety purposes, thus working closely in partnership with the police and the fire service in relation to matters around indiscriminate parking, abandoned vehicles and the anti-social use of motor vehicles, and provision of such devices as speed detection equipment under the Crime and Disorder Strategy.

The Business Support Officer and continues to provide essential administration support to the unit. In addition, Sallie also provides budget monitoring of the various streams of funding running through the unit and assists with the administration of the Careline service. A proportion of Sallie's salary is also contributed by the Government Office for the South West and thus provides administrative support for performance monitoring of the various projects funded through the Building Safer Communities fund.

Business Support Assistant and gives administration support to complement the ever-growing capacity of the Community Safety Unit. This officer works full time, of which three and a half days are spent working with the Community Safety Unit, and the remaining period providing administration support to the Facilities Manager who has also joined the unit.

The post of Facilities Manager has been a very recent addition to the unit and co-ordinates the day to day and strategic management of the Council's operational buildings. He is responsible for the procurement of utility contracts, public safety in public buildings, co-ordinate the Council's out of hour's emergency service and producing a business continuity plan for the Council. The post holder is responsible for the management of the caretakers and mailroom services at the council offices. The post holder also is the Emergency Planning Officer for the Council and co-ordinates council's assistance to the Emergency Services in the event of a major civil emergency.

Resident Caretakers and Mailroom Assistants have also moved across with the Facilities Manager and have also now become valuable members of the Community Safety Unit.

Last year saw the recommendation that a Health and Well being Co-ordinator should join the Community Safety Unit working on matters of health and well-being. Since joining the unit, the officer has, examined ways forward for the Locality Planning Team emerging into the Health and Well-being partnership. The officer has also undertaken valuable work in relation to the Primary Care Trust becoming a legal entity in 2004 with the County Council, District Council and the Police for Crime and Disorder delivery under the Police Reform Act 2002. The officer has also been an integral part of the partnership bid for Beacon status under the

theme of 'Services for Older People'. Which was successful, in addition the post holder supports the Substance Action group, and attends Stroud District Locality Forums on behalf of the council. The post remains on an annual rolling contract and is currently funded by Stroud District Council and the Primary Care Trust of Cotswold and Stroud, and Safer Communities Inactive.

The Community Safety Officer 'Older People' joined the unit from the Council's Housing department last year. The officer co-ordinates the Careline service for older people for the district and the other vulnerable groups in our communities. His customer base is in excess of 1500 people and provides both a daytime service and leads on an out of hours call in service. In addition to care line the officer promotes community safety initiatives for older people such as chains, viewers and mirrors for door entry, Message in a Bottle, call a friend and Emergency Information Cards.

The work of the section

The Community Safety Manager continues to operate up and down the scale of activity within the Crime and Disorder Partnership, being the facilitator of the half-yearly Community Safety Panel meetings chaired by the Cabinet Member covering the Partnership. In addition he has chaired the Stroud the Crime and Disorder Strategic Group, the Racial Incidence Group for Cotswolds and Stroud, the Anti-Social Behaviour Order Group, Safer Estates and the Substance Action Group. He is vice-chair of the Tactical Groups at Dursley, Stonehouse and Stroud, and is vice-chair to the County Anti-Social Behaviour Group. The chairing of these groups and facilitation brings with it a substantial amount of activity for the section both in administrative support by way of taking minutes, and also by commitment to the meetings. The Community Safety Manager also attends the County Community Safety Partnership meetings with the Chief Executive. This means that there is a single individual linking the County and District strategic approach to Crime reduction down to the tactical delivery points, finalising with the parish cluster groups of which there are four, one for the small number of parishes in the north of the district covered by Gloucester City Police, and the other three covering the parishes in each Police Inspector Neighbourhood areas of Dursley, Stroud and Stonehouse. The Community Safety Manager is also a member of the South West Rural Affairs Forum and represents Community Safety Officers in the South West of England on that particular body. As a result of a request from the Government Office South West, he has also been seconded to the regional Home Office department one day a week for three months at the early part of 2004 and provides a supportive and problem solving role.

Community Safety Officer: Partnerships

Community Safety Officer 'Partnerships', and has become fully integrated into the work of the Partnership. Building on the good work from last year, which has seen the role evolve within the partnership, and continues to deliver resolutions to often difficult and delicate situations, such as Anti-social behaviour, older people and various crime and disorder situations. The officer has also continued to build on the success seen previously in places such as Cashes Green in respect of designing out crime. The officer also attends meetings at district, county and regional levels on behalf of the section, and chairs and provides administrative support for meetings at a local level both daytime and during the evening. The post holder has become fully integrated into the three district crime reduction partnerships, At a tactical level working closely with Stroud, Dursley and Stonehouse Inspector Neighbourhood Areas and works in partnership with both statutory and voluntary sectors. The work over the year has involved issues around co-ordinating car crime reduction, anti-social behaviour, youth issues, appraising the opportunity of a late night bus service which has yet to be achieved, but work is continuing, and CCTV systems for both older people under the auspices of the Bogus Callers initiative and the purchase of an additional two mobile CCTV cameras. He continues to be involved with Trading Standards in the delivery of Validate across the district, and has this year secured more than 600 proof of age cards for various secondary schools throughout the district. The officer also maintains tactical resolutions in geographical areas presently not covered by the Neighbourhood Warden Service throughout the district.

Community Safety Officer: Vehicles

The officer having joined the Strategic Team of the Community Safety Partnership, demonstrated the clear benefits of partnership when across the table discussion with the Fire Service and the Police resulted in a very cohesive approach to abandoned vehicles to benefit the community in general and a more effective and efficient handling process on behalf of the three services. Building on that success, the officer also chairs the County Abandoned Vehicles Working Group, which is presently looking at replicating the recognised good practice of the work of Abandoned Vehicles for the Stroud District to be rolled out throughout the County. As an integral member of the County Arson Task Force the officer is currently drawing up a policy on the voluntary surrender scheme of vehicles, as well as drafting a protocol to expedite the removal of abandoned vehicles from private land. He is also co-ordinating the provision of a mobile interactive speed sign for the district and is working in partnership with local parish councils, the police and the county council to achieve this.

Objective 1

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Year	Reported Vehicles	Scrapped Vehicles	Costs Recovered
01/04/02 - 31/03/03	1002	417	£6286.13
01/04/03 - 31/03/03	972	358	£4537.00
01/04/03 - 31/03/04	992	367	£4902.00

- Legislation allows SDC to remove an abandoned vehicle after a 24-hour period.
- Approximately 20% of vehicles reported to DVLA for licensing offences are now re-taxed. (Information supplied by DVLA)
- 3 partnership operations between SDC, Gloucestershire Police/PCSOs and the Driver and Vehicles Licensing Agency to remove untaxed and abandoned vehicles.

Community Safety: Beacon Council Award

The Beacon Council award was gained for 'Tackling Crime in Rural Areas' in 2002, being one of only two successful bids nationally, through our joint bid with Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury council's. Of the eleven subjects that could be bid for in 2002, in the South West of England the only successful bid was our tripartite bid.

Building on this success, the council this year applied for Beacon status for a further two categories, 'Partnerships' and 'Services for Older People'. Whilst the category for "Crime Reduction Partnership" application was unsuccessful, despite the valued work towards the bid by the Stroud Area Crime and Disorder Partnership, the 'Services for Older People' bid we are however pleased to record was a successful bid. This bid was made in partnership with Cotswold District Council and supported by Social Services, voluntary agencies and the Primary Care Trust, which share similar geographical and population demographics, and a single Primary Care Trust boundary. A team were invited to London to present their bid earlier this year, and was made up of representative's form Social Services, Care and Repair, Community Safety and elected members. Our bid was the only partnership bid from a rural area nationally and was positively received.

Inconsequence of the success of the 'Services for Older People' again we will work with the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) to share their best practice with councils all over the country. Last year once again saw several pieces of work in this area, due to the previous award of Beacon Status, with presentations and visits carried out to various

locations across the country. We also received visits from other councils to examine the way in which we operate to take best practice forward. This has proven to encourage a proactive culture in which to support fellow officers and Partnerships, and also enables those at both a strategic and tactical level to develop ideas and deliver far more in a short time, than could ever be achieved by one district alone.

➤ **Mobile police stations**

Comments from the visitors' book continue to show that the mobile station has been successful in reducing the fear of crime in those rural communities, which do not have their own Police station. Officers provide both an on-board police service and undertake foot patrols to provide a visual presence. In addition a pilot scheme has been on going of providing a member of staff from the District Council to be onboard the vehicle when operating in the Stroud area providing a "one Stop Shop approach to Council services

➤ **Bogus callers**

Provides a helpline to check the identity of unexpected callers. This year a further 4 Council sheltered housing schemes have had CCTV installed, and this takes the present number of schemes to 12 with this security provision. In addition, all council owned sheltered housing schemes and older person's accommodation have had door viewers, chains and mirrors fitted at their homes. And in the last year over 100 older peoples bungalows have received this extra security provision.

➤ **Validate**

Proof of age cards for young people to be used for the purchase of age-related goods and services. A further 600 cards have been distributed to pupils at various secondary schools throughout the district and has seen the Neighbourhood Warden service promoting this service.

➤ **'Message in a Bottle'**

'Message in a Bottle' continues to be well used and has received interest from the local community groups and members of the public, throughout the County and beyond. Its simple effectiveness was exemplified when an elderly gentleman from the Cainscross area fell from a ladder and was unconscious. When the ambulance service arrived they were able to identify who he was from 'Message in a Bottle', contact his daughter in Gloucester and take him to hospital, meeting his daughter with his keys having locked up his house. The information in his bottle was used to identify that he should not be given medication that he might otherwise have been given. In other words the system provides a record of a persons emergency contact details to speed up the identification and medical assistance process in the event of an accident or injury. This information is kept in an enclosed bottle in the fridge. Over 6,000 bottles have been distributed throughout the district and further refinements to the system are being made with the help and guidance of our new partners from the Primary Care Trust.

➤ **EPIC**

An emergency personal information card, complementing the Message in a bottle system, but is a mobile version and is targeted at all members of the community who do not presently carry personal information. Both "Message in a Bottle" and "EPIC" cards are free to any one who wishes to use them
EPIC cards, sponsored by BJB Consultants Stroud, continue to be distributed and promoted. These cards have been shared, as has 'Message in a Bottle', at all our presentations across the country, from Camarthen to Cambridge and Yorkshire to Bristol.

➤ **Safe Child**

Provides information on what primary school children should do when they become parted from their parents whilst out shopping. Local business's have embraced this scheme and display the Child Safe logo in their shop windows and allows young children to approach these businesses and quickly be reunited with their parents. The Police and

the Neighbourhood Wardens Scheme promote this scheme in schools throughout the district.

➤ **Women's Safety Booklet**

This booklet provides practical tips to women about what they should do when they are out and about, and how to protect them and remain safe. Guidance is also given to men on what they can do to make women feel safer.

➤ **Safer Estates**

The Council uses its powers as a landlord to reduce crime and disorder by Council tenants and visitors to their properties through various tenancy sanctions

➤ **Secured by design**

A scheme to bring crime prevention into the planning of new developments and identify opportunities to build out crime on new developments

➤ **Domestic Violence Linkline**

Phones to help vulnerable people feel less alone in their homes, and reduce their fear of crime. The Linkline system will allow access to immediate contact with the emergency services and is also provided to Victims of Crime fitted by one of the District Community Safety Team, located via the identification of Victim Support and funded by the Partnership.

➤ **Watch Schemes**

Including: Neighbourhood Watch, Horse Watch, Boat Watch, Shop Watch and Farm/Rural Watch. These initiatives promote awareness throughout the district about specific crimes, as their name suggests, how to reduce incidents of crime and provide intelligence to the police. Numerous new watches have been implemented over the last few months and the last year saw Phil Hughes, Treasurer to the valley and vales Neighbourhood Watch Association gain a National award from National Neighbourhood Watch for his outstanding work in this field.

We have continued to support and promote the 'Let's Kick Racism out of Football' initiative and SMART mouse mats to provide guidance to young people using the Internet.

In partnership, we have facilitated numerous open days, conferences, training workshops, one two ones, presentations to other local authorities, the voluntary sector, religious organisations, Victim support groups, Help the Aged / Age Concern, Parish and Town Councils and an array of community groups both within the three districts and South West of England as a whole. In doing so we have had the opportunity to learn from the successes of those we have visited to bring back ideas in which to develop ourselves, whilst helping to raise the standard of practice nationally.

One of the most significant benefits of gaining the Beacon accolade is that Stroud District Council is in a position to reinforce a positive public message to those living in the district, that we have been recognised as a centre of excellence for reducing crime in the communities they live and work in and as such, reduce the fear of crime, which is often unfounded and based on nebulous facts. We were selected as one of only seven authorities nationally, to appear in a book the IDeA published on local authority best practice. The book will illustrate local authorities that have delivered new & improved services that are really valued by local people. It will also highlight Stroud District Council and in particular, Community Safety, as a 'local service champion' and a model for others to learn from.

SDC Community Safety - Neighbourhood Wardens

The Neighbourhood Wardens scheme has now been operational for 20 months. The range of activities are numerous, and undertake objectives such as visiting and making contact with one older person each day, building up a contact list of older people, acting as a connection between community based services and acting as a signposting service for young people and the community.

Neighbourhood Wardens started initially as a pilot project for a period of 2 years in July 2002, and after 9 months the service has grown from 2 Wardens located in Cam and Dursley to 5 with additional areas in Wotton - Under - Edge, Berkeley, Hinton and Stonehouse being patrolled. There has been such a positive response to the service that other Towns and Parishes wish to adopt the Warden service in their locality.

Training of the Wardens is an extensive process, with the greatest asset of the Warden being the acquirement of local knowledge and trust gained within the community, and the ability to communicate with all diverse community populations. Two Wardens have recently taken up new careers with the Fire and Rescue Service and the Police Force, as a direct result of the experience gained from their work within the Neighbourhood Warden service. We have recruited 4 new team members, all of whom come from various local backgrounds and have a wealth of experience in the community.

The Wardens continue to participate in joint operations with the Police, DVLA and Trading Standards. 3500 school children and numerous businesses had the 'Safe Child' initiative presented to them by Wardens with the assistance of the Police. Validate cards have been promoted throughout the District and the uptake of the cards has doubled this year. Continued partnership working with Trading Standards is planned, operations with the DVLA, Police and the Community Safety Officer 'Abandoned Vehicles' in on going.

During the past 20 months the Wardens have also dealt with other issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, dog fouling and visits to vulnerable people. The Police remain as key partners in the service provision of the Warden scheme; Arrests have been made as a direct result of intelligence provided by Wardens.

During April 2004, a 6th Warden has been appointed for duties to cover the Hardwicke area. In addition, the service will also undertake an 8-month training plan for the continual professional development of the Warden Service. Development of an electronic system for the reporting of incidents whilst wardens are on patrol is on going.

Racial Incidents Group

The Racial Incidents Group for Cotswolds and Stroud has now been operating for 18 months in partnership with Cotswold District Council. The group continues to investigate racial incidents in our respective districts and identify remedies to resolve incidents. The Gloucester Racial Equality and the police act upon information exchanged at meetings between various agencies from both the statutory and voluntary sectors. Promotion of the group is going with multi-faith calendars and a racial incidents group sidewinder being among a number of initiatives used.

Anti-Social Behavior Orders

Within the Partnership we see ASBOs as a last resort, and have resisted these as much as possible because we feel that to have to go to an ASBO is perhaps a failure to achieve other resolutions to problems. However as a result of the increasing problem in Cashes Green an ASBO Group has been formed. Membership is drawn from the Partnership and that group has worked unstintingly towards looking at the resolution of problems before ASBO with a range of activity. As a result of this process, 3 ASBO's were taken out against youths in Cashes Green to moderate their behaviour. As a consequence, incidents of disorder have reduced and some of those on an ASBO have now re-entered mainstream education and other positive activities.

Another development of the ASBO group is the formation of the Young Persons Support Groups in the north and south of Stroud district. Membership of this group is drawn from Youth Service, Social Services, Youth Offending Team, Door Project and Connexions, who review cases brought before the ASBO group. The purpose of this group is identifying whether any member is connected already with a particular individual and identifies opportunities to engage them into other positive outcomes. The success of this group can be demonstrated. The fact that since its inception and after the three ASBO's mentioned 13 individual cases have come before the ASBO Group. Many of which have been resolved by one to one support from the Youth Support Groups.

CCTV

The CCTV User Group for Stroud and Dursley continues to operate and remains instrumental in ensuring that the public interest is served in terms of the use of CCTV. Monthly reports are produced by the CCTV Manager relating to the actions resulting from the use of CCTV. This ranges from arrests and crime prevention to the rescue of injured persons who are seen to be unconscious on the pavement.

Last year saw the finalisation of the work started with the £30,000 from Stroud District Council, the Police and the Trusts (£10,000 each) together with £74,700 from the Home Office to improve the CCTV scheme as a result of a bid made the Community Safety Partnership. The result was conversion to colour, increase of four cameras, improved Street lighting to Stroud Town Centre and upgrade of monitoring equipment in the Control Room at Stroud Police Station.

In addition, latterly the work has entailed conversion to colour of the cameras in Stratford Park. A motor dome and camera is held at Stroud Police station so that in future when cameras become inoperative this system can be used in reserve while repairs are made. Planning this year's activity in relation to CCTV is ongoing in respect of further cover and improvements.

In addition 3 rapid deployment CCTV cameras have been purchased through various funding streams. These cameras can be fixed to a temporary power supply, usually a street lighting column, and are deployed to hot spots throughout the district as they are identified. The actual movement of the camera will be arranged by the District Council, and location appraisals undertaken, but its proposed location identified and determined by the police, in terms of hotspots based on crime figures and intelligence. Each of the 3 Police Inspector Neighbourhood Areas in the district now has access to a rapid deployment camera and codes of practice established on its usage.

The Substance Action Group

The Substance Action Group continues to operate within the district, with good attendance at meetings demonstrating the commitment of individuals to the joint working and sharing of information between the many agencies that come to the meeting and identify similarities in delivery. We also introduced some initiatives during the year through this group, and look forward to another exciting year in terms of working closely with the DAAT, GDAS, Nelson House, schools, the police and many others to make our communities safer, but also to help those people who are suffering the scourge of drugs as users and family members. Through this group, members from DAAT, Nelson House and the Community Safety Unit were invited to visit Russia and both deliver the first part of a drug abstinence programme and to promote partnership working in tackling crime and disorder. A Russian delegation visited the UK later in the year to receive the second and final part of the training programme and to follow up on partnership working opportunities.

Safer Estates

Safer Estates has again been successful this year, working with the Partnership, to provide all older persons bungalows, in addition to sheltered housing schemes in the district with

viewers, mirrors and door chains, as part of the Bogus callers initiative. In addition under Bogus Callers, we have continued to roll out CCTV to a further 5 schemes in our Sheltered Accommodation sites, and takes the total number to 12. They are effective, and have been said to be so, not only to deal with bogus callers, but in terms of making quality of life for residents much better. To quote two, in one area people said that it was the best summer they had ever had, and in another a resident who had been resistant to putting the cameras in said that they had completely changed his view on the matter, and had been wrong to resist it and it had completely changed the environment of the area. Damage, graffiti, noise and other issues have been resolved by the introduction of the cameras. It is intended that we will go on to fit cameras to more schemes in the coming year.

Skate Board Ramps and Youth Shelters

These have been supported by Partnership funding from the Stroud District Partnership and Government Office South West across the district, but in particular a youth shelter erected by a group of interested individuals in the Thrupp area demonstrates quite clearly what can be done when people are committed to helping young people get a facility. Other Skateboard Ramps and Youth Shelters are planned throughout the year, following consultation exercises with young people. The Community Safety Partnership has assisted with these facilities in terms of advice and funding.

Street Drinking – Stroud

The introduction of a street-drinking ban in the Stroud area has been seen as a resounding success. The police report that they have not had to report anyone for this offence, but cautioned a few in the early days of the scheme's inception. The benefits have been a reduction in the intimidation of people by persons hanging about drinking from cans or bottles in public areas such as the Subscription Rooms forecourt. In addition there is far less litter, broken bottles and glasses in the Town Centre on Saturday and Sunday mornings than was the case prior to the introduction of the ban. Dursley would also like to consider such a ban.

Police Community Support Officers

These officers are a new addition and compliment the existing Police force, albeit with limited enforcement powers and spend the majority of their working day patrolling areas, normally directed at key crime and disorder hotspots throughout the district. Whilst this service is new, initial feedback from communities has been very encouraging, with many residents now benefiting from a visible uniformed presence on their streets.

Bullying Cards

These have been produced for every school in the district, for parents and separate card children. The cards show telephone numbers of who to contact in the event of being subject to bullying and a message to bullies to be aware of their actions.

Street Lighting

Lighting has been provided through County Council's Highway lighting, supported by Stroud District Council for such issues as bulkhead lighting at Grove Park Road and Grove Park House, Broadfield Road and Gleblelands Sheltered Housing Schemes. Lighting has also been facilitated by the Partnership in Nailsworth, Cashes Green and Stonehouse. Other street lighting opportunities are planned for other district areas.

In general the Community Safety Partnership has been available to support any initiative within the district under the banner of Crime and Disorder, and also to respond to any complaints of crime and disorder falling within the remit of the District Council.

SDC Environmental Contracts

Objective 1

The Environmental Contracts Section has liaised with both Housing & Community Safety on the following areas of work, to reduce both the fear of crime & anti-social behaviour.

- defensive planting
- suitable types of boundaries
- Shrub/bushes etc.
- placement of refuse wheelie bins
- placement of litter bins
- removal of fly tipping
- proactive measures to prevent the above happening
- school talks on recycling & prevention of litter dropping
- Working with the Councils abandoned vehicle officer to clear dumped items in & around vehicles where difficult circumstances arise.

SDC Housing Services

Objective 1

1.2

- To actively seek compensation against any offender found guilty of causing criminal damage to Council property.
- To continue to respond to acts of vandalism or criminal damage on our estates by way of repair or improvement to affected areas to design out crime.
- A number of compensation awards have been made in the Councils favor over the last 12 months.

1.3

- To take relevant action against owners of abandoned or unroadworthy vehicles on Council owned estates in partnership with the Community Safety Officer and Neighbourhood Wardens. A number of such vehicles removed.

Objective 2

2.1

- To continue to fit additional security products to Council owned properties under the auspices of the Safer Estates Initiative (SEI).
- To publish annually Crime Prevention Officer advice in Keynotes newsletter to all tenants.
- Bogus Caller security improvements also to continue to be fitted, as well as appropriate advice in this respect being published in Keynotes, and information given to all new tenants at sign up stage.
- Approximately 1300 properties, predominantly occupied by older people have now benefited from these security improvements.

2.2

To carry out security improvements where required to Council owned non domestic premises funded from SEI budget. Various sites have benefited from additional security products being fitted including shuttering, redesign of external environment, and additional lighting to previously poorly lit areas.

2.3

To continue to install additional street lighting on a priority basis to parking areas on Council owned estates under the auspices of SEI. This also involves partnership working with GCC Street lighting Department and Town/Parish Councils. A further 6 sites across the district

have benefited from lighting installations.

Objective 3

3.1

- To take relevant action against any tenant in breach of their tenancy agreement by way of using or supplying drugs at, or from the property. Action taken under established procedures against 7 tenants since January 03, all cases being resolved to the satisfaction of the Council.

Objective 4

4.1

- To take the necessary action under the auspices of SEI against any tenant or resident of a Council owned estate found guilty of any criminal activity against young people in our district. No such cases dealt with in last 12 months.

4.2

- To continue to seek, where necessary Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) in partnership with the Community Safety Panel, against young people in this age group guilty of anti social behaviour on Council owned estates. To continue to be represented on the ASBO working group. Three ASBOs obtained in Cashes Green.

Objective 5

5.1

- To take relevant action under the auspices of SEI against any tenant or resident of a Council owned estate if the violent crime occurs either on Council owned land or within the vicinity of their home. A limited number of such cases dealt with under SEI procedures, all of which were resolved to the satisfaction of the Council.

5.2

- To record and report incidents of domestic violence and to continue to train staff accordingly. To maintain sound working relationships with all domestic violence workers and refuges. Additional security works have been carried out to a number of properties following reports/confirmation from Domestic Violence Unit/Officers.

Objective 6

6.1

- To take action under the auspices of SEI against any tenant or resident living on a Council owned estate guilty of racial abuse within the vicinity of their home. To continue to comply with the CREs Code of Practice in rented housing and to continue to train all staff accordingly.
- All staff have attended relevant training in last 12 months. Only 1 case dealt with under auspices of SEI, which is ongoing.

SDC Sports Development

Objective 3

3.2

Target: To develop a project aimed at young people and healthy lifestyles with a particular emphasis upon young people most at risk from drug miss-use. Nelson House Trust is working in partnership with SDC to develop a project to recycle second hand bicycles via their new bicycle workshop at the Star Centre in Stroud. The project is due to begin mid 2004 pending other funding applications.

Work in partnership with the County Youth Services and local neighbourhood community projects to create a pilot programme of constructive activity targeting young people in Dursley, Stonehouse and Stroud wards to combat anti-social behaviour and substance abuse is in process. In 2003 the Jsk8 Project was set up with a variety of partners to consult, design and build a community wheeled sports facility (skate park) – by late 2004 the facility will be completed, launched and open to the community.

The Stonehouse Neighbourhood Project purchased mobile skate ramps and equipment in 2003 and is linking with SDC, the Youth Services, Stonehouse Town Council and the community to provide sessions at a number of venues over the next three years.

Objective 4

4.1

Target:

Provide programmes of constructive activity in collaboration with community partners to make direct contact with young people to reduce the incidence of anti-social behaviour and drug use.

Links and foundations have been made with Stroud College and Young Peoples' Misuse Service to plan and provide a short summer wheeled sports challenge at Stratford Park Leisure Centre targeting young people involved in either Connexions and/or Young Peoples' Misuse Service. The pilot Project will involve elements of learning opportunity, drugs and alcohol and diet and nutrition advice.

At present a policy has been created to be adopted by the whole authority; drop down child protection and good practice guides have now been created for sports development and the following areas: Community safety, Leisure – Dual Use Leisure Centres, Sub Rooms and the Museum. Work is in progress with HR to create generic and service specific training programme to be instigated late 2004.

Objective 6

SDC Sports Development have signed up to the Racial Equity Charter for Sport with the County Sports Partnership; this charter enables the Partnership to conduct all sports development provision in line with the standards established by sport England and the Commission for Racial Equality for Sport.

General Comment

The new Regeneration Through Sports Officer post continues to be pitched at a strategic and delivery level in order to create links to themes such as social inclusion, crime and disorder, community health and sustainable community development. It is based on sports development principles such as encouraging greater participation in activities, promote healthier lifestyles, encourage club to community links, combat social exclusion and ensure appropriate development pathways are in place to improve standards of performance from foundation to excellence level in sport.

The role works with community safety in terms of strategic links to the Substance Action Group, Racial incidents Group and the Neighbourhood Wardens in Partnership to reduce crime and disorder across the district. Sports development aims to target areas of social deprivation to combat certain crime issues using sport as the tool to create more constructive use of time for the target group. The new skate capital builds are linked to the Wardens and P.C.S.O.'s as well as the Youth services and local communities.

Parish and Town Councils

Berkeley Parish Council

Berkeley Parish Council has carried out the following activities to comply with the strategy for 2002 – 2005:

- Worked closely with the Neighbourhood Warden for the parish and supported this post financially.
- Working with the Youth Service to support a new Youth Club in the town.
- Sends a representative to meetings of the Community Safety Partnership.
- Held public meetings and assessed feedback from residents, resulting in the temporary installation of a mobile CCTV unit.
- The Town Council is still attempting to discuss the football stand with the Football Club.

Cainscross Parish Council

Objective 1

The parish council met with the Crime Reduction Officer and a GCC Lighting engineer to provide footpath lighting along two footpaths in the parish, which should be installed during 2004-05.

Parish council staff liaise with Police Community Support Officers resulting in improved awareness of both parties of criminal damage activities.

Use of mobile speed check unit at various locations in the parish to make motorists aware of speed limits – in fact actual speed was not always as high as generally perceived. Installation of traffic calming measures on Hunters Way, Cashes Green, installed by GCC with Parish Council approval as a result of a residents' petition several years ago. This has reduced traffic speeds and improved visibility and safety in the vicinity of Foxmoor School.

Representation on the committee to develop school travel plan for St. Matthew's School. The Travel Plan is to make parents aware of safe walking and cycling routes to school and to hopefully reduce the problem of indiscriminate parking in the vicinity of the school – Plan not yet complete.

Objective 4

Support to youth organisations by way of grants for equipment and/or running costs:

- Cainscross Rhinos Football Club – new youth football club
- Ebley Youth Football Club – to help establish additional team
- Cashes Green Youth Club – for trips to outdoor activity centres
- Ebley Youth Club – outdoor games equipment and dance equipment
- Junior Citizenship Courses
- Cainscross Brownies - provision of equipment – handbooks, badge books etc
- St. Matthew's School – outdoor play equipment
- Valleys & Vale NHW – towards core funding
- In addition the BMX bike ramps in Victory Park are re-modelled annually by a contractor with the assistance of the young people who design the course.

Helped to set up additional youth sports teams (also working towards the acquisition of additional playing pitches)

- Enables youngsters to take part in activities they would not normally have access to

- Provision of extra activities and enabled members to participate in dance competitions
- Towards running costs of citizenship courses for primary school children
- Assist group to keep going
- Support to local school
- Support to enable organisation to operate mobile unit and other core work
- The children get a sense of 'ownership' and responsibility by being involved in the ramp course construction.

A fitness trail is on order for the park, due to be installed shortly. We anticipate the youth club, the sports clubs and any other park users will use this.

The Parish Community Safety Representative worked with District Council and other agencies to secure ASBOs in the Cashes Green area. This has resulted in a reduction in crime in Cashes Green.

Cam Parish Council

Objective 1

1. 1

Action

To provide purpose built Skate Park as part of better recreational facilities for young people.
To provide café facility for use of young people in the evening.

Result

Base in place, equipment purchased– expected completion late May 2004.
Business Plan and design for new building to incorporate café being developed.
Work with local residents' group, Co-op, Community Safety unit, police and Neighbourhood Wardens to reduce problems of anti-social behaviour around Cam Co-op.

Objective 4

4.1

Action

To develop additional safe areas for recreational use by young people
To provide a safe, informal venue for young people to meet in the evening

Result

Skate Park equipment ordered – completion expected by late May 2004.
Plans and Business Plan for community building being developed.

Across most Objectives – Continued support for and co-operation with, Neighbourhood Warden service.

Hamfallow Parish Council

Objective 1

1.3

Road safety is a major concern for the Parish. Random speed checks by the Traffic Police Unit and the Mobile Unit have a positive effect in reducing speeding through the villages and regular checks are needed. The Parish has worked with the County Surveyors Department to implement a new 30mph limit outside the secondary school at Wanswell.

Objective 2

The Neighbourhood Warden Scheme is now operational in the Parish. The Parish is also

working with the Neighbourhood Watch Unit to promote the Scheme.

Hardwicke Parish Council

Objectives 1,2,4 and 5

Hardwicke Parish Council has continued to work closely with the Police Liaison Officer, who attends council meetings whenever possible for the mutual exchange of information. He also writes a regular column for the monthly newsletter 'Hardwicke Matters', circulated free to every household in the parish, giving tips on crime prevention etc.

During the year the council has pledged a contribution towards a multi-use skate park in Quedgeley and has installed, with a grant from Stroud District Council, a youth shelter and basketball court on the Playing Field. These are now being well used by local youngsters. An Anti-Social Behaviour Contract was made during the year on one of the local youths, which appears to have reduced such behaviour quite considerably.

The parish council continues to bear in mind its responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act and is investigating the provision of street lighting and improvements at the Village hall. Officers of the Youth Offending Service have been in touch with the council with a view to carrying out certain works within the parish.

Haresfield Parish Council

The Parish Council reports no actions taking place during the previous year.

Hillesley & Tresham Parish Council

Objectives 1,2,4 and 5

As in previous years the Parish Council of Hillesley and Tresham have continued to monitor crime and safety issues, supporting neighborhood watch in the villages and distributing information via the village newsletters and information boards. There is still a plan to add another streetlight and paperwork will be submitted in support of that initiative shortly.

Kingswood Parish Council

Objectives 1,2,4 and 5

Kingswood Parish Council has set up a project to build a BMX/skateboard park in the Village, made a financial contribution, together with Neighbourhood Watch, towards two new streetlights, and agreed to financially support a Neighbourhood Warden.

Nailsworth Town Council

Objective 4

1. Continuation of co-funding of youth worker - £11,000 in 2004/05
2. Hosted trial CCTV mobile installation in town centre.
3. There is a new skateboard park at KCV Field - £3,000 project. The existing surface has been increased and first phase of equipment is expected to be installed on 30 March, second phase to follow in April.
4. Collaboration with Stroud District council in improved road nameplates for Nortonwood

area at Forest Green. Installation is anticipated by end of March.

5. Continuing encouragement of youth involvement in Nailsworth Festival events.

6. Ongoing discussion with youth organisations about possibility of provision of 'Drop In' Centre possibly connected with Boys' Club building.

Stinchcombe Parish Council

Objective 8 General Comments

Over the past year the Parish Council has continued its support of the Crime Reduction Strategy in a number of ways.

Dursley Cluster of parish meetings have been regularly attended and the residents of the parish have been made aware of current crime reduction initiatives. A quarterly parish newsletter has recently been launched which will provide a much-improved vehicle for the dissemination of such information. It is intended to present the latest crime statistics for the parish in the July newsletter.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme remains active although the coordinator for the Avenue and the Street has recently resigned.

A welcome and significant reduction of serious crime such as theft and burglary has been noted.

Speeding cars along the two main commuter routes through the village remains a concern despite the recent introduction of the lower 30mph speed limit. Hopefully the planned installation of speed gates and other calming measures will improve the situation.

Petty thefts and vandalism remain a concern especially in the Taites Hill Road area on Friday and Saturday nights.

In conclusion, an improving crime situation can be reported.

Uley Parish Council

Objective 1

Continuing improvements and refurbishments are being made to the children's' playground to keep the children off the streets thereby ensuring their safety from traffic hazards. There is also the availability of the Parish Millennium field for the older children who wish to pursue their leisure activities.

Negotiations are currently taking place between Uley Church and the Youth Service to start a Youth Group. This will have a full-time youth leader, hopefully from the 1st June 2004, In addition to weekly meetings, an after-school club is envisaged to bridge the age ranges. Efforts are made to ensure that the streetlights are always working satisfactorily to maintain a well-lit village.

Maximum publicity is made available to parishioners of the dates of the visiting Mobile Police Unit that is fully supported by the Parish Council.

1.3

Traffic calming is scheduled for 2004/5 in an effort to slow down and deter speeding vehicles.

Objective 2

Maximum publicity is made available to parishioners of the dates of the visiting Mobile Police

Unit that is fully supported by the Parish Council.
The two Notice Boards currently hold an up-to-date information service.
The NHW is operational within the village.

Efforts are made to ensure that the streetlights are always working satisfactorily to maintain a well-lit village.

A monthly newsletter is published and distributed to each household giving details of any local crime that may have taken place and making people aware of safety measures to protect their property and vehicles.

Woodchester Parish Council

General Comment

The Woodchester Parish Council appreciates their duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act and is committed to cooperate both with the Police and Community Safety Unit in order to reduce crime and make our village a safer place to live in. The council fully supports partnership working and already has built up very good relationships with the local Community Police Officers and also the Community Safety Officers.

A representative of this council is usually in attendance at the Police and Community Consultative Meetings, the Community Safety Panel Meetings and considers them both to be very informative and useful. The council supported the introduction of PIP's scheme but question its current effectiveness.

The council has positively responded to requests for improved lighting in the village and have initiated the provision of several additional streetlights financially supporting their provision through the precept. For some time the council has expressed its concern regarding the inactivity of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. This has now been recognised by the local Administrator and it is hoped that the proposed publicity campaign will regenerate sufficient interest and support to once again restore an effective Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Woodchester.

Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils

General Comment

Whenever appropriate the GAPTC brings to the attention of member councils their powers under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 relating to Crime Prevention. It would appear that the issue of community safety is of growing concern for parish and town councils, many of which are providing facilities and services to the residents in their communities to help reduce anti-social behaviour. Such facilities could include the provision of skate parks for young people or working with other bodies to install crime prevention and detection equipment. By working in conjunction with their communities and in partnership with other organisations, parish and town councils can assist in promoting and implementing community safety.

Gloucestershire County Council Environment Department

Objective 1

Crime and Disorder Street Lighting Works

Road Name	Partner Contribution	County Total Cost	
Market Street Nailsworth	£0.00	£1000.00	£1000.00
A46 Woodchester	£1800.00	£1800.00	£3600.00
Queens Road F/P Stonehouse	£0.00	£7100.00	£7100.00
Parliament Street Car park	£0.00	£1200.00	£1200.00
Woodcock Close Stonehouse	£0.00	£1000.00	£1000.00
Oldends Lane Stonehouse	£0.00	£12500.00	£12500.00
CCTV Sockets	£1000.00	£0.00	£1000.00
Dursley Road, Cambridge	£0.00	£770.00	£770.00
Yellow Hundred Close, Dursley	£0.00	£1300.00	£1300.00
Park Estate, Stonehouse	£0.00	£120000.00	£120000.00
Stratford Park	£0.00	£2250.00	£2250.00
Stratford Park Museum	£2000.00	£0.00	£2000.00
Taits Hill, Cam	£0.00	£10000.00	£10000.00
Squaws Lake, Kingswood	£650.00	£650.00	£1300.00
Walk Mill Lane, Kingswood	£650.00	£1200.00	£1850.00
Total	£6100.00	£160770.00	£166870.00

Gloucestershire Reintegration Service

3.2

Alcohol Arrest Referral Scheme

The scheme provides:

- An early intervention for people arrested where alcohol is the main causational factor.
- Provides an easy referral route for custody staff.
- Provides targeted and specific information for those referred.
- Offers onward referral to other agencies including statutory health services.
- Provides the opportunity for people to work longer term with their alcohol issues.
- Reports to the courts giving details of attendance or non-attendance.

Results to date have shown that people attending the scheme are 50% less likely to re-offend in the following 12 months. During the year 03/04 there have been 180 referrals from Stroud Police, this being 17% of the countywide total. The trend during the last 6 months has seen an increase in the referrals from Stroud, this being since the appointment of an Arrest Referral Worker at Stroud. Stroud referrals for this period have been 103, which is 21% of the countywide total. The AARS is a countywide scheme with a basic cost of £80K per year and this year funding has come from the County Council, the CDRPs, Health and the Police. In addition, for this year and the next two financial years there is additional Home Office funding to stretch the scheme. Applications have been made to all CDRPs to continue their funding next year.

3.2

Community Development Project

The project objectives include: -

- Raise awareness in local communities about drug misuse issues as they affect people locally.
- Develop local support groups.
- Work with local professionals by providing skills training and on-going support.

d) Work with families and individual family members who have concerns about substance misuse.

e) Work with individuals who are identified or identify themselves as a result of the work to access services or rehabilitation.

Outcomes include: Support to the parents support groups. (This work is currently being reviewed within GDAS and with input from the DAAT). 206 concerned other i.e. parents / partners of drug users have been seen during the year at the GDAS Base. An application has been made to the Stroud Crime Reduction Partnership for funding to enable the project to continue beyond 31/3/04.

General comment

The Gloucestershire Reintegration service coordinator for Stroud took up her post in July 2003, and was occupied during her first month with setting up the service in the Stroud and Cotswold districts so that figures given cover six months activity.

The diversion of even a small number of offenders can have a significant effect on the nature of crimes committed, given that the Gloucestershire drugs database indicates that an individual spends on average £189 per week on drugs, and it is generally assumed that for each £1 of expenditure £3 worth of crime is committed.

April 2003 to February 2004 there were 29 referrals, of which 16 were seen and 11 placed on the 'Progress to Work' programme. The majority had a criminal record and had been involved in class "A" drug use for over 5 years.

Referral sources were; Prison Service 3, Probation Service 4, CSSMS 7, Rehab 1, GDAS 1, DARS 1, Jobcentre 12. All those seen had a full assessment and action plan drawn up, including information given about relevant services.

Additional services provided were:

- 3 referred on to medical/drug counseling services because their continued drug use was hampering their ability to engage in training or employment.
- 1 referred to Arena, an organization which assists people with mental health problems to access training.
- 2 were given information about voluntary work
- 3 were referred to Prospect Training for courses in bricklaying and fork lift truck driving
- 2 had full information, advice and guidance interviews.
- 1 completed forklift truck driving, obtained agency work, and now has a full time job.
- 1 is undertaking a forestry course, and is now applying for a further course that will give him a range of skills enabling him to be employed in tree surgery or forestry work.

Those who GRS works with are expected to be abstinent from their main drug, because continued illicit use makes it difficult to pursue courses or employment goals. Unfortunately for many the period of abstinence lasts only a short time, so often information is given or action plans made which lay the basis for further work once the individual has once again achieved abstinence. However in those cases where the individual is ready for change, the opportunities offered by GRS can enable their wish for change to become a reality.

Overview from Stroud GRS District Coordinator:

Over the last year the district of Stroud has been very productive and busy. From April 2003 the objective was to increase referrals into the reintegration service by positive promotion, out reach work and effective service delivery. Working closely with existing services and community groups to directly impact on crime and disorder in the district.

In July 2003 a Stroud District Coordinator was appointed. Time was spent in familiarisation with the district and the services available within the district. Also working closely with other services, promoting the Reintegration Service and liaising with other community groups. This ensures that clients receive a holistic service and are realistically offered the security

and stability of a number of appropriate agencies.

The housing situation is difficult within the district. Although there is good provision for supported accommodation for the under 25s there is very little available for adults. This especially impacts on those being released from custody or residential treatment. Those who present homeless will almost certainly be transferred to B&B accommodation in adjoining districts. This will impact on the district in respect of crime and disorder. There were a number of referrals this year (see above). These referrals increased through the year, slowing towards the end of the year (normal seasonal fluctuation). The referrals come from a number of sources as itemised above. This has been very effective in partnership, positively promoting GRS and actively working towards employment and training resulting in reducing crime and disorder through activity, inclusion and employment.

Progress2Work

This initiative has proved to be very effective in taking clients through education, training and employment.

Stroud GRS coordinator has set up a pilot scheme with Stroud Job Centre. The pilot was designed to offer clients a 'regular place and face'. Each Monday saw the provision of a contact dedicated for drop in for new clients and appointments for existing clients. The pilot has been very successful even though it has had peaks and troughs. It has proved to be a good point of contact for job centre staff and an excellent place for clients. Many clients have benefited from training and employment prospects.

Ideally GRS would have accommodation in Stroud so that clients could be seen 'on their doorstep'. This is very important in terms of equity and service delivery. Sadly many available private lets are reluctant to let to agencies associated with substance misuse. This has without question affected the quality of service provision within the district. As soon as appropriate accommodation is found the service and the clients will benefit immensely.

2004 - 2005

With referrals increasing, developing partnerships and positive promotion, GRS will undoubtedly become a more effective service.

The impact on the local community will be enhanced and the value of the service will be even greater.

The European Social Fund and Progress2Work initiative has increased the opportunities available to the clients. This can only positively impact on the local communities. It is an exciting prospect for the year to come.

Gloucestershire Domestic Violence Support and Advocacy Project

Objective 1

1.2

Many domestic violence related incidents result in a charge of criminal damage when the perpetrator breaks into or damages property owned by the victim. Reducing domestic violence will therefore reduce many other areas of crime including criminal damage. Gloucestershire Domestic Violence Support and Advocacy Project is providing 24 hour crisis helpline service towards this aim (see objective 5 for details)

Objective 4

4.1

In over 90% of domestic violence incidents, children are present either in the house or in the same room, and witness the crime. GDVSAP is responsible for the co-ordination of referrals from the crisis helpline to other agencies within the Advocacy Providers Network. This work includes referring children for specialist support. There were 451 Referrals received between Jan 1 – 24 March, including 38 from Stroud District (projected to be 40 by end of March) during this quarter implies approximately 80 children in Stroud district were helped to reduce the impact of domestic violence on their lives. The Time-4-Us project has now stopped taking

new referrals, due to funding problems. This makes GDVSAP's support to the parents even more important, as this may be the only way to indirectly help the children who are suffering the consequences of the violence at home.

Objective 5

5.1

One quarter of all violent crime is domestic violence, therefore reducing domestic violence incidents will reduce the number of violent crimes. Domestic violence doesn't only occur within the home – many assaults are in public places. (See target 2 for details of actions taken)

5.2

- To provide 24 hour crisis advocacy service to victims of Domestic violence. To increase access to support for victims of DV in rural areas of the district.
- To ensure victims of domestic violence have access to appropriate on-going support from relevant agencies for their needs. Support to women whose partners are attending the Probation Service Perpetrators' Programme, thus ensuring their safety throughout the programme and evaluating the effectiveness of the course. This includes telephone support, and a weekly support group.
- There were 451 referrals received in total for Jan 1 – March 25, including 38 from Stroud district, projected to be total of 40 for whole quarter. (monthly average of 13)At the moment it is not possible to know whether there has been an overall increase in reporting, as combined figures for all agencies in the CCR are not available, due to DVIP no longer providing this role. However, GDVSAP aims to collect combined statistics for the police and GDVSAP from now on. GDVSAP and the Police set up a Stroud domestic violence forum to keep DV higher on the agenda of local agencies. This resulted in several requests for GDVSAP to speak to agencies, including a presentation to Home Start volunteers in Dursley and the Stroud Job Centre. A mail out was circulated to over 300 agencies, with publicity about GDVSAP' services and details of training for professionals. This awareness raising work will all contribute to increasing the number of incidents reported.

5.3

There were 17 referrals in Stroud district passed on to local agencies for on-going support or received on going support from GDVSAP. This number has been limited by the capacity of APN agencies to take referrals, rather than lack of need from clients. GDVSAP have been helping Victim Support to recruit new volunteers to provide on-going support, by passing on details of enquirers from GDVSAP to Victim Support. Provision of accurate information from the GDVSAP helpline to enable women to make informed choices about their situation and thus ensure they are not victim to repeat incidences. The provision of emergency travel funds ensures that women needing to flee from a violent relationship are not hindered through lack of resources or lack of access to transport. GDVSAP does not have data from other CCR agencies to ascertain whether or not this target is being met. However, in the absence of this work being done by GDVIP, GDVSAP will start to collect data on repeat incidences during the next financial year, in order to monitor this. It is expected that repeat incidents not start to fall for a while, as the number of incidents being reported still increases, and will then start to fall in the longer term.

Gloucestershire Drug and Alcohol Action Team

Objective 1

The DAAT will try to ensure that the links between alcohol consumption and violent crime are not obscured by the prominence of drugs in the substance misuse agenda.

We will continue to work with partners such as the LEA, the Youth Service and develop workplace training that will look at alcohol consumption as a factor in violent crime.

The National Alcohol Strategy published March 2004 giving a context in which to develop services for and responses to alcohol misuse. DAAT will ensure implementation in Gloucestershire

1.1

The DAAT will continue, through the Joint Commissioning Group, to fund services for those substance misusers who are identified by Criminal Justice and other agencies, to the maximum that the treatment budget will allow every £1 spent on treatment is estimated to save £3 in costs to Criminal Justice and other agencies.

The DAAT works with service providers to increase and improve services to all substance misusers, including those are funding their use by acquisitive crime.

Objective 2

2.3, 2.2

The DAAT will work with partner agencies in addressing patterns of alcohol misuse that may contribute to thefts of motor vehicles.

Working with partner agencies, to assist in the implementation of the National Alcohol Strategy in Gloucestershire during 2004.

Objective 3

3.2

The DAAT works closely with the Police and other agencies around issues of supply and availability. We have an excellent class "A" database in the county. A working party to look at supply issues, chaired by the ACC Operations, with close involvement of the DAAT Manager is currently establishing itself.

We will continue to liaise with neighboring DATs and Police forces to address issues of supply. Some of the CJIP money allocated for 2003/4 will be used to grow the database.

The DAAT works closely with partner agencies to ensure that a range of services from harm minimisation, advice and needle exchange to inpatient detoxification for drugs and alcohol are available to problem substance misusers. Through the local SAG we help service providers to network and disseminate information that will ensure that all those who need services are aware of them.

Although waiting times for some services are longer than we would like, Gloucestershire is one of the leading counties in terms of service provision. DAAT will continue to work with partner agencies to improve waiting times and services, within the constraints of the available funding. DAAT will continue to work with SAG to identify particular areas of need and hotspots that need addressing.

Objective 5

5.2

The DAAT will try to ensure that all professionals are aware of the links between substance misuse and domestic violence. Both use by victims to cope with abuse and by abusers, which can exacerbate the abuse.

Objective 6

The DAAT will work with service providers to ensure that any relevant information received by them in the course of work with service users is acted upon. We will work with other partners in CDRPs where it is felt that substance misuse issues may be a factor in such incidents

Objective 7

The DAAT endeavors to comply with this objective. Information is supplied when requested

Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service

Objective 1

- The Gloucestershire Arson Task Force, which is working with partners to help tackle the problem of fire setting and arson. The aim is to achieve a reduction in petty crime, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, together with an improvement to the physical aspect of areas.
- Vehicle Fires – promote introduction of car removal schemes; improve information retrieval from car fires; improve the communication exchange between Fire Service and Police.
- Fires in Buildings – improve security of derelict properties; improve detection and investigation measures through training and better inter-agency communication exchange;
- Rubbish Fires – common recording system for incidents; closer links with Neighbourhood Watch

1.2, 1.3

Arson Task Force, schools education programme, and youth initiatives.

- Arson Task Force work – promote detection, investigation and prosecution;
- Schools Education programme – 3 level programme developed in partnership by GFRS and LEA “Firescape” scheme – 12 week courses developed and run by GFRS for identified young people that will benefit from activities aimed at developing self-esteem and confidence. Each course also involves a community project based on a perceived local need.
- Prince’s Trust – Team Leaders seconded by GFRS.

Objective 2

2.1

- Working in partnership to develop a multi-agency ‘Safety & Security’ information leaflet for the Stroud District.
- Safety messages on garden safety, home safety, general fire safety and smoke alarm ownership have been included in the leaflet, which is now in production.
- GFRS have contributed £150.00 to production costs.

Objective 3

3.1

The ‘Firesafe’ home safety check scheme launched by GFRS last year includes an information pack that makes reference to the dangers of alcohol in relation to fires and accidents in the home. This safety advice is delivered directly to homeowners by operational Firefighters. Fire Stations in the Stroud District are running this scheme.

3.2

Work on youth development schemes (Firescape and Prince’s Trust) affords opportunities for GFRS to assist young people who may have substance dependencies. GFRS works closely with partner organisations through the above schemes – e.g. GDAS, Young Gloucestershire, and Connexions.

3.3

A number of GFRS staff members have attended GDAS courses to raise awareness about drug and alcohol misuse, and the appropriate actions to take in offering assistance and support.

Objectives 4 and 5

Youth working initiatives – as above

Objective 6

GFRS has a well-established Community & Equalities Team that has developed strong links with community groups, and works very actively to promote community cohesion, awareness and understanding.

Objective 7

Development of protocols to promote effective inter-agency working.

- “Memorandum of Understanding” between GFRS and Gloucestershire Constabulary – fire investigation protocols have been established;
- Develop the recommendations of the “Arson Research Project” (commissioned by GFRS) with regard to phraseology and information exchange.

General Comment

- Community Safety GFRS is currently pursuing a number of initiatives aimed at driving down fire deaths and injuries in the home, such as Firesafe – a scheme that involves front-line fire crews visiting homes in the Stroud District to give advice on fire prevention, escape behaviour and fitting smoke alarms
- Caring Together – inter-agency partnership initiative in which carers from organisations such as Social Services, Age Concern and WVRS are trained in fire prevention, in order that they can carry out a basic home safety check as part of their visits. A supporting pack has been produced with a view to properly representing and recognising the Fire Service contribution to community safety,
- It is proposed that additional targets for the Community Safety Partnership are objectives based around the following area:-
 - Year on year reduction in fire deaths and injuries in the home;
 - Year on year reduction in car fires (abandoned or stolen);
 - Year on year reduction in fires in derelict buildings.

Stroud Fire Station Plan:

This year will see the development and launch of a Community Safety room at Stroud Fire Station. This room will feature: -

- Literature and information on a range of community safety topics, which will draw on, the agencies represented on the Stroud Community Safety Partnership.
- The room will also have two Internet linked computers for access to the vast array of online home safety information.

This facility should add value to open days and group visits to the Station, in terms of providing a focal point where people can access safety information and be informed and educated by staff on the Station.

The room is due to be launched on June 19th 2004, as part of the sponsored trailer pull event through Stroud.

This multi-agency fund raising event is being planned at present, and should provide an opportunity to raise the profile of our partnership work.

A Community Safety Open Day is due to be held at Stroud Fire Station on Sunday 12th September 2004.

Gloucestershire Youth & Community Service

Objectives

1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 4, 5.1

Project Delivery Area - Stonehouse

- Stonehouse Youth Centre has been running three evenings a week up until October 2003. Due to levels of alcohol intake the Service made the decision to set up detached delivery. As a result there has been a decrease in visible under age drinking since Christmas, and an average of 70 young people per Friday evening are reached through a street based provision.
- Through additional funds from the partnership we have been able to staff two teams across the town on a Friday evening.
- We also brought in the Fair Game Theatre Company who performed a play called "The Big Night Out". The play covered the effects of alcohol and drugs on personal safety, as well as exploring consequences of risk taking behaviour. The play engaged 100+ young people.
- Partnership work took place between Trading Standards, Maidenhill School, and the Police. Stroud Peer Education Project delivered consultation around health provision to three-year groups in Maidenhill School, which was well received.
- Other resources and funding to deliver this work came from Transforming Youth Work and additional partnership funding.

Project Delivery Area: Stroud

- Roxburgh House is now up and running after extensive building works.
- Outreach work has continued with an emphasis on the Top of Town. The Youth Centre now has thriving junior and senior youth provision.
- We now have a GAP worker in post funded by the Children's Funds part of the Youth Offending Service early intervention work. This post works individually with young people from Cashes Green and Cainscross, developing the work into group work and residential experiences. This post also now specifically supports through delivery and advice, the Cashes Green Youth Project that is run and delivered by local volunteers in the community.
- In addition the Stroud Youth Worker post has led on development and delivery of a new Stroud Community Radio Project, initiated through the Stroud Fringe Festival. In addition the Youth Service has delivered positive activities for young people through all the school holiday periods with referrals from
- Youth Offending and Connexions targeted again at Cashes Green and Cainscross
- Stroud Youth Worker has led on the development of a youth support interagency group for young people across the district that are risk of an ASBO, which has resulted in 10 young people not going through the restrictive process of an ASBO.

Resources & Funding:

Additional funding from: -

- The Crime reduction partnership
- Transforming Youth Work
- Youth Initiative
- Children's Fund
- Connexions
- PAYP funding
- Youth Service funds and staffing

Work has been targeted at Cashes Green and Mason Road area for detached provision.

Objectives

1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 4, 5.1

Project Delivery Area: Stroud – Nailsworth

- Trainee post successfully running as well as detached youth work. Indications from the Town Council are that the post has enhanced youth provision in Nailsworth, to the point that instances of antisocial behaviour have decreased and opportunities for young people have increased.
- Through partnership working additional staffing has contributed to positive delivery.

Objectives

1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 4, 5.1

Project Delivery Area: Stroud - Minchinhampton

- Full time Youth Centre continues to run on a regular basis. Full time worker has responded to some issues around young people causing disorder issues within the Minchinhampton town Centre, and has been working closely with appropriate agencies.
- Frith Youth Centre is now up and running, supported by the full time Youth Worker at Minchinhampton. Part-time staff have been recruited and line managed through Minchinhampton.
- Equipment has been purchased through partnership funds for Frith Youth Centre.

Objectives

1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 4, 5.1

Project Delivery Area: Dursley/Cam

- Dursley & Cam Youth Centres are open regularly through the week. Partnership work with GL11 has developed after school project work, using the arts as a vehicle for delivering youth work.
- Dursley delivered a first Summer Scheme Project, which was well attended and received by young people.
- There has been specific partnership work with agencies around ASBOs, as well as delivery from the Young People's Substance Misuse Service, to meet the needs of youth club members.
- Partnership funding has provided staffing for Cam Youth Centre to run on a regular basis, which now has a healthy but challenging membership.

Objectives

1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 4, 5.1

Project Delivery Area: Wotton-under-Edge

- The Centre has been successfully running this year, two evenings a week seniors, and one evening juniors.
- The Summer Teen Scheme now in its third year was extremely well attended and received by young people. Advice and information have been given on a regular basis through such schemes and regular Centre based provision.
- Additional resource funding has come from Wotton Town Council, Crime Beat, the Police, and partnership funding.
- Initiatives have included Summer Teen Scheme, which engaged approximately 100 young people over a three week summer period.

Objectives

1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 4, 5.1

Project Delivery Area: Sharpness & Berkeley

- Young people have been regularly met on a weekly basis within these two parishes using outreach work.
- We are currently working in close partnership with Berkeley Town Council and young people to create a Drop In youth provision in Berkeley town.
- The Peer Education Project delivered a consultation event with young people and adults in the community, which explored ways forward. As a result a grant from the Countryside Agency has been given to support the development of the youth group over the next year.
- Support has been given to relevant schemes.

Objectives

1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 4, 5.1

Project Delivery Area: Stroud District

- Full time Rural Youth Worker has worked in parishes of Uley, Coaley, Stone, Sharpness, Berkeley, Kingswood, Chalford, Eastington & Whitminster, this year, in various forms of project work, workshop deliveries, volunteer support and training as well as advice and information for new clubs.

Drugs & Rural Support Worker

- Full time worker has provided support and advice to parishes and clubs as listed above.
- The Peer Education Project brings together young people from parishes across the districts and has increased membership from 16 to 24 young people. Having a full time post has enabled a more representative group to come together and increase support for this project. This year they have delivered Drugs Workshops within voluntary and statutory youth clubs, and have received specialist training to deliver Drugs for Parents workshops.
- Information and advice packages have been designed and collated by young people, which will be available for workshops and the outreach vehicle.
- The Drugs for Parents workshop are now being well received and delivered across the district.

General Overall Outcomes:

- We have continued active partnership with Crime & Disorder by attending strategic and local groups.
- We have achieved additional partnership funding and working to provide a comprehensive and well informed service for young people.
- We have supported existing and new projects the partnership has created where relevant. We have continued active partnership with Substance Action Group.

Home Safety Checks

During the financial year 2003/04 469 referrals have been received from clients in the Stroud District Council (Crime and Disorder Partnership) area. These consist of 380 referrals for elderly residents, and 89 for children. Of these 326 visits have been completed, initial appointments sent to 119 clients, and 24 are waiting to make an appointment.

The high number of older person's referrals, when compared to previous periods, reflects the intensive efforts that have been taken to make the services available to local people living in Stroud District Council's Sheltered Accommodation. In total, 320 home safety visits originated in this way.

Child safety equipment was fitted in 56 homes, and in 32 cases this was provided free of charge to the family, with funding coming from either local charities or Gloucestershire County Council's Social Services Department. An agreement has recently been entered into with Sure Start, Cam and Dursley, which will allow for the provision of free safety equipment to families living in the Sure Start catchment area.

Neighbourhood Watch Office

195 Watchword messages have been sent during the year. 59 of these messages gave actionable crime prevention advice. The success rate for each message being received is over 95%

Schemes

In March 2003 there were 429 schemes. Since then the administrators have started 39 new schemes. However an audit of co-ordinators was undertaken between October and December 2003 as required by the police data protection policy and as a result there are now 381 schemes covering 12,502 households.

Meetings

Association Committee meetings were held at Dursley, (twice) Painswick, Nailsworth, Berkeley, Stroud, and Stonehouse Local coordinators were invited.

Activities:

The Association has undertaken the following activities:-

- Fire Safety Training: This was arranged for Dursley Fire Station but there were not sufficient numbers attending to run it.
- Cycle post coding: In partnership with the Cycle Proficiency teams of the Road Safety Dept. post coding has been done at 18 schools with 464 cycles being security marked. A new method, using tamperproof labels and permanent I/V marker has been developed to prevent the risk of damage to cycles. At the same time, pupils are given Neighbourhood Watch leaflets to take home to parents. This is ongoing.
- Council equipment post coding: The Association continues to provide a free service to Town and Parish Councils by having publicly owned equipment security marked.
- The St. Matthews Project: 13 primary schools were visited and 460 pupils took part in the project. This is ongoing.
- Bogus Callers: Talks have been given by Rick Pellatt to groups of people identified as likely targets of bogus callers, such as residents in sheltered housing. 4 talks have been given to over 50 people using the Home Office literature and videos on 'How to beat the bogus caller'.

Community Support Mobile Unit:

- The unit has been a great success. 64 locations throughout the District have been visited. These include Fetes and Shows of all descriptions and specific locations in parishes as requested by co-ordinators. Nearly 1000 items of personal property has been security marked with postcodes. These visits have accounted for 688 hours of peoples time, at least 50% of which have been voluntary.

Crack Crime at Christmas:

- The mobile unit was used at 6 locations throughout the District on the run up to Christmas to promote crime reduction and fire safety relevant to Christmas. 5000

crime reduction leaflets, 1000 Rat on a Rat leaflets and 1250 fire prevention leaflets were given out to the public together with verbal advice.

Basic Crime Reduction Training:

- 25 coordinators attended a four-hour seminar at Beacon Hotel, Haresfield on February 19th 2004 to learn about crime reduction and tackling anti-social behaviour. The seminar was conducted by Andy Collier Training and was very well received. A light buffet was provided after for delegates to discuss the seminar and exchange views and experiences. All agreed it was very worthwhile.

Schools:

- 2000 'Get Smart on Line' mouse mats, promoting the safe use of Internet chat rooms, were provided to junior schools in the District for use at their computer terminals, with support and backing of teachers. This followed the success of the previous year's project in senior schools
- Message in a Bottle and EPIC Cards: The Stroud District Council initiative continues to be supported by NHW with bottles and cards being distributed via coordinators.
- Expenditure on mobile unit has meant we could visit during the evenings and show crime reduction and fire safety videos. This has been effective at several 'Goodwill' evenings. Nearly 800 items of property have been marked with owner's postcode to deter theft and assist in identifying recovered property. The 'Crack Crime at Christmas' campaign operating for 6 days over the District handing out 5000 crime reduction advice leaflets and 1200 fire safety in the home leaflets.

Crime and Disorder Partnership:

- The Association is represented at Strategic District meetings and has a representative on each of the three police Inspector Neighbourhood Area (INA) tactical groups. Neighbourhood Watch plays an important role in this Partnership and as a result has been able to obtain grants for many activities.

Sponsorship:

- Lifeline alarm system for victims of domestic violence have been sponsored by the Association

Fund raising

- The Association sells street signs/personal attack alarms/shed alarms and marking kits to raise funds. A balloon race and security marking event at Stroud in June also raised funds

Gloucestershire Race Equality Council

GlosREC is grateful for the continued support from Stroud District Council. At the beginning of this financial year, GlosREC was in a very difficult situation. From being an adequately staffed organisation offering a range of services a few years back problems on the committee and staff resignations for reasons ranging from natural wastage to serious illness had reduced the staff to one Legal Officer and a part-time Office Manager at the beginning of the period of this report. The Legal Officer (Raji Damadoran) whose first job this was is to be congratulated on holding GlosREC together at this difficult stage.

As from mid-July 2003, things began to improve as GlosREC used its accumulated reserves and funding available at that time to rebuild. Raji moved on for domestic reasons in July 2003 but Alexandra MacRae took over as Legal Officer on 14 July 2003 followed shortly by James Oaten as Education Officer and then by Melvia Bullock as Training Officer in November. Alexandra, who had previously been Director of Dorset Race Equality Council, was asked by the Board of Trustees to become Acting Director of GlosREC as from November 2003. As it has been impossible to recruit a new Legal Officer, Alexandra is still doubling as both Acting

Director and Legal Officer, but it is hoped to recruit a Trainee Caseworker this month to lessen Alexandra's workload.

The Job Descriptions of the staff will indicate to Members that the function of GlosREC is work with young people in schools and colleges and with statutory and voluntary organisations as well as in the community on equality and diversity issues to bring about social cohesion so that the sort of issues with which the Stroud District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership are concerned is reduced to the extent that racist incidents are less numerous because our work is effective in decreasing the causes of community tension. This is mentioned to make it clear that casework is only part of what is done.

Since coming to office, Alexandra has placed great emphasis on strengthening the Racist Incident Groups around the County. It is reassuring to know that the Cotswold and Stroud Racist Incident Group functions well and has throughout the past year acted promptly and sensitively to address any issues which GlosREC has passed to it for action.

A continuing cause of worry for GlosREC, which has been brought to the attention of the CLS Partnership for Gloucestershire, is the lack of access to justice for litigants in discrimination issues, which have to go to the County Court. GlosREC is continuing to press for better provision from the Legal Services Agency.

At the time of writing, both Government and the CRE are asking Race Equality Councils as well as all the justice and security organisations across the UK to address the growing Islamophobia fired by the current fear of extremism and terrorism. While the proportion of Muslim people to the community of large is not high in Stroud District, it is important to ensure that our Muslim fellow citizens do not feel exposed and unprotected at this time - for isolation can bring its own dangers.

The table below shows the caseload of GlosREC, the ethnicity of the clients and the range of subjects of the casework. We do not now do Immigration and Asylum Law as the Gloucester Law Centre handles this. When Alexandra took over, the casework level was about 20: now there are 68 cases. Not all of these are active but it is a considerable load to handle and at the same time manage GlosREC.

Members will note the drop in Racist Incidents compared with last year, which is gratifying. Nevertheless the unpleasant nature of some of the cases, including those originating in Stroud, is a continuing cause of concern.

GlosREC, in partnership with other justice organisations in the County such as the Police, has set up the Independent Advisory Group which advises the Courts, the Police, the Probation Service and HM Prison Service on BME and other minority issues. At least two members of the committee of IAG are Stroud residents.

Finally, GlosREC can only be as effective as its resources allow. It is appreciated how difficult it is for local authorities to make limited resources sufficient for an ever-widening range of commitments but, if the budget could be increased, GlosREC should not only be grateful but would be able to do more. Work cannot obviously continue to be funded indefinitely out of reserves. Stroud District's contribution compares with £25,000 approx. from Gloucester City Council and £15,000 + provision of premises from Gloucestershire County Council. Tewkesbury Borough Council provides £500 but Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council and Forest of Dean District Council provide nothing. Despite this mixed picture of funding, as the Race Equality Council for the whole of Gloucestershire, requests for help cannot be ignored wherever in Gloucestershire they originate.

Casework Figures for GlosREC: 2003-2004:

Local Govt. Area	Gloucester	Tewkesbury	Cheltenham	Stroud	Cotswold	Forest of Dean	Total
Number	44	2	12	5	1	4	68
Type of case	Employment	Education	Housing	Police	Health	Other	
Number	28	3	11	12	2	12	68

Ethnic break down	African/ Caribbean	African	Indian	Pakistani	Bangladeshi	
	22	5	10	2	5	
	Asian/ other	Chinese/ Phillipino	White UK	White other	Mixed heritage	
	2	4	4	10	4	Total 68

Racist Incidents in Stroud District:

Year	Number
2002-2003	64
2003-2004	46

Gloucestershire Probation Area

Objective 1

To establish programmes that promote a safe environment.

The total number of hours worked by offenders on Community Punishment Orders in 2002/03 was 46,054. To date in 2003/04 the total number of hours worked is 27,660.25. The proportion of work projects undertaken between April 2003 and January 2004 that directly contributed to community safety objectives was 3%.

The proportion of work projects undertaken by offenders on Community Punishment Orders directly meeting the needs of minority ethnic groups in the county, as measured between April 2003 and January 2004 is 30%.

A multi-agency Public Protection Panel for Gloucestershire is in place and reviews the risk assessment and management of the 'critical few' offenders that are considered to be at either high or very high risk of causing serious harm to others. The agencies involved include a representative of local authority housing departments.

Objective 2

During 2002/03, 81 offenders commenced Basic Skills programmes and 6 of them achieved awards during the year. Up to the end of January 2004, 108 offenders commenced Basic Skills programmes and 35 achieved awards. We expect to meet our increased target of 139 commencements by the end of March 2004.

53 offenders completed offending behaviour programmes during 2002/03 including the Think First Programme. By the end of January 2004 94 offenders had completed programmes and we expect to reach the target of 129 by the end of March 2004.

Objective 3

To support programmes that will reduce drug and alcohol misuse.

53 offenders completed offending behaviour programmes during 2002/03 including Addressing Substance Related Offending Programme (ASRO). The target for 2003/04 is 129 programme completions. By the end of January 2004 94 offenders had completed programmes and we expect to reach the target of 129 by the end of March.

49 offenders started Drug Treatment and Testing Orders in 2002/03. Up to the end of January 2004, 43 offenders had started orders. We expect to increase this to 60 by the end of March 2004.

The Probation Service continues to manage a number of Single Regenerative Budget (SRB) supported projects linked to drug misuse including a drug support project for Ryecroft Probation and Bail Hostel. Many residents arrive with an existing misuse problem. Work with these residents has been effective in reducing overdose incidents and increasing hostel occupancy to 98%.

The Probation Service manages the partnership providing a reintegration service to people in the county recovering from Class A drug misuse.

During 2003/04, 251 people were referred to the GRS of which 160 were given guidance, advice and support. 84 moved on to further education/training etc and 15 to employment. Of the 160 actively engaged with the GRS, 10 are known to have committed further offences.

Objective 4

To support the programmes and plans of partner organisations which aim to reduce youth offending.

Gloucestershire Probation Area seconded one probation officer to the YOS team during 2003/04. Additional funding was also provided bringing the total to approximately £128,600.

Objective 5

To tackle issues related to Domestic Violence

Gloucestershire Probation Area runs a programme for the perpetrators of domestic violence and has provided funding of £5,000 each for the Domestic Violence Intervention Project, and the Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support Project.

To support the victims of sexual offences

In the period from March 2003 to September 2003, in 90% of cases involving serious sexual or other violent offences where the offender was sentenced to periods of imprisonment of 12 months or more, contact with the victim was made within 8 weeks of sentence. This meets our target.

Objective 6

To work in partnership with other agencies to tackle racist incidents.

The Probation Area monitors racist incidents occurring on its premises, or where its staff are involved, and reports that monitoring to the Racist Incidents Groups in the county. The Probation Service during 2002/03 logged three incidents. During 2003/04 the Probation Service logged one incident.

A snapshot of offenders supervised by the Probation Service:

Community Rehabilitation Orders	731
Community Punishment Orders	336
Community Punishment and Community Rehabilitation Orders	81
Drug Treatment and Testing Orders	46
Post-release licences (parole etc)	154

Infobuzz - Mobile Community Support Service

The Mobile Community Project was commissioned in March 2003 to respond to community issues around drugs and alcohol and a mapping exercise was conducted to establish service need in identified "Hot Spots"

The project was funded to operate in all six regions of the county therefore allocation of service was based on grant size, evidence of need (as identified in the mapping exercise) area and current activity of existing services. At the forefront of the service was a dedicated vehicle, equally funded by the regional partnerships. The vehicle was adapted to be deployed in the "Hot Spot" areas for all sections of the community to access.

The mapping exercise produced a varying degree of interest in the concept of the project. While interest in the idea of an information vehicle parking up in local areas was received with a large amount of suspicion and confusion as to how this would work, there was a credible and enthusiastic response to the idea of the project supporting existing agencies and community initiatives.

A number of visibilities involving the vehicle where attempted and as suggested never really attracted any interest from the community. However, when deployed as part of joint initiative or existing community activity, the vehicle was well used and supported.

The mapping exercise also clearly identified that agencies and projects wanted this initiative to concentrate on young peoples drug problems and associated behaviours, a request voiced throughout all six region. Cashes Green was the area designated as being in most need of support. However, our initial contacts showed that especially the Youth Service was already doing a great deal of effective work in this area. The GAP worker tried to get us a meeting/presentation at the local resident run youth club but they never invited us to attend.

It was decided that the project may be best used in another area and Nailsworth was identified.

Nailsworth Youth Club Committee - A local film project (In partnership with Youth & Community, YPSMS, Sir William Romney School and the Police)

Objective: To make a documentary type film using young people from the youth club, aimed at highlighting local drugs support, the change in classification around cannabis and seeking support and advice.

Raising the awareness of the young people involved in the making the film.

Using the film to raise individual and community awareness.

Promote the Young Peoples Substance Misuse Service.

Increasing the self esteem of the young people in making the film and participating in an educational and team building residential

Outcomes:

Filming now complete. Editing due to be complete by end of May 2004.

Young People have completed successful residential.

Over the course of nearly 12 weeks, young people have participated in production, acting and development of the film, and had an opportunity to consider detailed drug related issues and taken part in a structured team building and self esteem programme. The film clearly outlines the effect of cannabis re-classification in relation to young people, the law and school policy. The film promotes YPSMS service and highlights local support services.

Costings: £2000

Staffing

Training
Travel
Film maker and editor.
Residential costs and provisions

Other contributions: Young Gloucestershire (amount TBA)

Police: The Cotswolds and Stroud Division

Objective 1

1.1

Stroud Inspector Neighborhood Area

Throughout the year there has been significant drive to reduce public disorder in the INA.

- Operation Streetsafe-An ongoing operation using non-frontline staff to supplement existing front line staff on Friday and Saturday nights. The result over the year has been 120 arrests from Streetsafe officers and 13 licensed premises visited on at least thirty times.
- BoBs (Behave or be banned scheme) is operated in Stroud town centre covering most licensed premises The BOBS scheme has six individuals banned from town centre public houses and clubs at the time of writing.
- In July three Anti social behaviour orders were granted for youths from the Cashes Green area of Stroud. In addition a further 4 Acceptable behavior contracts in place
- In September two Police Community Support Officers joined the INA and have been deployed proactively particularly in the Cashes Green area of Stroud The Police Community Safety officers have had a significant impact in providing reassurance to the local community particularly in Cashes Green. This has been reflected in the down turn in disorder and number of letters of appreciation from that locality.
- In February of this year the special constabulary was given a new remit to patrol outlying districts and villages on a Friday and Saturday night. As a result since 20th February twenty extra hours of high visibility patrol have been done in the outlying areas of the INA.
- Police Shift Change at the beginning of the New Year have resulted in more high visibility patrols in Stroud town centre at peak disorder times, particularly on overlap shifts on a Friday and Saturday night.
- Operation Burn: During this operation 12 people were arrested, 100 hours of high visibility patrol was carried out in the INA incorporated into which was a letter drop.

Stonehouse Inspector Neighbourhood Area

- Operation carried out near the Park Estate flats following complaints of anti-social behaviour has lasted over several months and involved Housing and the local CADA group April 03-June 03. The result has been a reduction in problems; local beat constable to give reassurance - 9hrs extra patrol in location - visited residents. Working together on better security doors.
- Operation carried out in Stonehouse High Street area following anti-social behaviour and complaints from residents. Operation was subject to SARA plan – June 03-July 03. Problem was dealt with and 2 persons arrested, 1 person reported for urinating in public place.
- Operation Profile: Reports of damage and unruly drunken behaviour in Nailsworth Town centre. This involved extra foot patrols and the use of CCTV during Summer months. No damage was reported during use of CCTV and extra patrols. Impact on Town has been excellent with Town Council identifying the success.
- Operation YUKON: Reports from residents of youths' behaviour outside the post office in Eastington - residents had a fear of crime. Oct/Nov 03 Youths spoken to and

advised. Parish council has not had any further complaints and village seems quiet - 48.5 hours extra patrol. Press release to parents advising them to be aware of where their children were.

- Operation Clough: Community Policing Stonehouse -extra foot patrols in Estates in order to assist in reducing the fear of crime Oct/Nov 03
- Operation involving under-age drinking by the fields in King Stanley following complaints of youths gathering. Letters were written to all licensees in the vicinity and increased foot patrols in the village. Two youths arrested for public order offences and several open canisters of drink disposed of. Local off-licenses are now being more diligent in respect of those to whom they supply alcohol.
- Operation Nevis: Arrowsmith Drive - complaints from residents of young children being abusive and generally being anti-social. Children spoken to, letters sent to all residents in location to make sure they keep a tight rein on any of their children. Residents updated on progress. Excellent results with the location being quiet, no complaints have been received since.

Dursley Inspector Neighbourhood Area

- High profile public order patrols carried out each Friday and Saturday night (Operation Silent Night). (Part zero cost/part sparcity fund). In excess of 1500 hours patrol carried out and 136 persons arrested for a variety of offences.
- Streetsafe Operations carried out by Special Constables in disorder hotspots on the INA. Operations carried out on 8th August, 12th September 2003 and 27th February 2004. Four arrests, 61 youths given advice and alcohol seized from a number of underage drinkers.
- Proposal to introduce the BOBS scheme to Dursley and Wotton Under Edge. No interest shown by Dursley licensees. Wotton under Edge licensees to be approached.
- Specific operations to combat anticipated problems at Michaelwood Services: Operation Wafer and Operation Kent. No disorder due to police presence. Four persons arrested for other offences. Anticipated end of year increase in public disorder incidents – approximately 10%.

1.1

Stroud INA

- The ongoing operations and initiatives such as Operation Streetsafe.
- Specials patrols.
- Community Support Officers.
- New shift patterns have resulted in a 20% detection rate for criminal damage across the INA and there has been a significant decrease in offences of criminal damage for the year. In reporting period for last year there were 642 offences of criminal damage in Stroud INA compared with a total of 694 for the previous reporting year. Detection rates remain the same at 20%.

Stonehouse INA

- Criminal Damage was part of all the above operations at Target 1 and was linked into anti social behaviour.
- The INA has been running an operation involving criminal damage at Maidenhill School. The local Constable leases with the headmaster at the school, as incidents were not being reported. Extra foot patrols were carried out in the vicinity. No further complaints have been received, however it is suggested damage is still being caused the operation is continuing to run.
- Following complaints of damage to property in Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse officers carried out extra patrols in the vicinity-particularly during early evening; the local Authority Neighbourhood Warden also patrolled the area. No further complaints of damage have been received. Liaison took place with Town Council with regards to

the removal of a bench where the youths were gathering. Through CADA meeting with Council members it was decided that moving the bench would just move the problem. The action required was positive policing. Detection rate is presently 15% - there has been a reduction of 48 crimes (18%)

Dursley INA

- High profile patrols as per public disorder.
- Arrests of person known to be responsible for numerous offences in Wotton Under Edge. Person arrested 12 times. Charged with numerous offences including 5 charges of Criminal Damage. Criminal Damage offences increased from 462 (2001-2002) to 480 so far this year. Detection rate increased from 16% to 17.5%

1.3

Stroud INA

- Operation Savannah: The use of the automatic number plate recognition system has been deployed in the INA on three occasions in the last three months of the reporting period. Two letters were sent to registered keepers concerning the use of their vehicles, in that they were considered to be being used in a manner that was deemed to be amounting to anti social behaviour. A total of 5 letters have been sent to registered keepers. The operation resulted in total of 56 items of traffic process, five non-payments of fine warrants being executed and a further arrest for theft of a vehicle excise licence.

Stonehouse INA

- Traffic officers carried out an operation with regards to speeding vehicles in the Stonehouse High Street May/June 03. Three persons were arrested, numerous cautioned. Speed camera signs now erected on entrance to Stonehouse High Street.
- Operation Cumberland: Drink drive operation force-wide Dec/Jan. This was due to increase in road traffic collisions. Local persons took advice and did not drink drive.
- Operation in Gilberts Lane, Brookthorpe following complaints at PCCM that vehicles were being dumped in local fields and also fly tipping. In liaison with Highways and the Community Safety Unit of the District Council we are in the process of closing the small lane to stop any vehicular access.
- Operation Pattack 1(Dec 03): This incorporated road checks for vehicle defects and also speed detections. 140 vehicles stopped and issued with rectification documents. Two persons were arrested on warrants.
- Operation Pattack 11 (Feb 04): As above - 171 vehicles stopped, very few document offences or vehicle defects -1 person arrested on warrant.
- Eyesight testing of drivers 180 drivers tested, no failures - two were advised to have checks with optician.

Dursley INA

- Intelligence-led drink drive initiatives carried out numerous drink drivers arrested.
- Several high profile road check operations carried out during the year - Operation Frame, Operation Roadsafe SC, Operation Saco, Operation Sacramento and the Christmas Drink Drive initiatives. Approximately 300 vehicles stopped and 85 drivers breath tested, many motoring offences disclosed and several persons arrested for other offences.
- Two joint operations carried out with DVLA and Stroud DC (Operation Swoop) 14 untaxed vehicles clamped. Many of these vehicles have since been destroyed.
- Speed checks arranged in all identified problem areas. A number of speed checks carried out by Roads Policing Unit and Camera Safety Officer.

Objective 2

2.1

Stroud INA

- The introduction of Operation Trinity in the latter part of last year has had a significant impact on detection rates for the last half of the year. In the six-week period between the 1st February and 12th March the detection rate for dwelling burglary is 38%. The detection rate for the year is 21% for the and there has been an increase in this type of burglary from 160 to 190 compared with the same period last year. We are continuing operation Trinity.

Stonehouse INA

- Following analysis of Burglary hotspots extra patrols were directed in the Frampton On Severn area. 86 offences committed theft related, compared with 42 in the same period previously. May 03 Forty extra hours of patrol in the village. During period there were 14 incidents reported of which one was a crime.
- Operation Postman NKT: Local officers used DNA hits for Burglary as well as known local offenders. An operation was set up to identify offenders who may assist in reduction of crime by early arrest. Aug 03 Seventeen local offenders arrested.
- Operation Pattack 1: As above Dec 03. Fifteen local offenders arrested and dealt with. Four were remanded in custody.
- Operation Pattack 11: From intelligence it was obvious that several offenders from the INA and Gloucester Division were traveling to our area to commit burglary type offences. As a result individual targets were identified to be arrested where early they would be either Remanded in Custody (RIC) or placed on bail with strict conditions. 27 offenders arrested, 4 were remanded and 7 warrants executed. Year to date there has been an increase of 11 domestic burglaries compared with 2002/03.
- During the summer months a "10 point" plan was printed in local Parish magazines. This was to educate the public in basic crime prevention against Domestic Burglary.

Dursley INA

- Operation Fallback initiated to combat the rise in burglaries during the darker evenings. This will be repeated in the autumn.
- Positive arrest policy in relation to burglary suspects.
- A variety of crime prevention initiatives carried out.

The result of the above initiative has been very successful – our year to date figures is at the lowest level since current records began in 1998. It is anticipated that we will achieve a 15% reduction from the 2002 – 2003 figures. This will give us a rate of 8.8 offences per 1000 households for the year. Our detection rate for these offences has increased from 15% to 23%.

District as a whole

- Operation Crack Crime at Christmas - A campaign raising awareness of Car crime and Burglaries in accordance with the Constabulary Safe Schemes, encouraging members of the public to post code property, advising on security matters, reducing burglaries/car crime, promoting good practice. The Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), Rural Beat Officers (RBOs) and Mobile Police Station (MPS) completed a weeklong road show, issuing the 5000 Equinox-funded leaflets. 300 Ultra Violet marker pens, 1500 Rat on a Rat plus 1000 Fire precaution in the home leaflets were also distributed. Also given out was bogus caller information along with Car Crime, Security of the home and Mobile Phone Marking Kits (Approx 100 kits given to Phone Distributors). Numerous cycles, scooters and skateboards, plus mobile phones were post coded.
- Regular media coverage by press releases and broadcast monthly on local radio covering trends and Crime Reduction advice plus
- Launched Rat on a Rat for the division Increase of 25% calls to Crimestoppers

(County figures)

- A further 750 UV pens were given to INAs to be given free to the public.
- Operation Trinity - A dedicated unit comprising of a Detective Sergeant and six Detective Constables who are responsible for the detection & reduction of both commercial and dwelling house burglaries throughout the Division. To achieve this, the unit investigates all offences of burglary, process all prisoners either arrested for burglary offences or those offenders who are known to be involved in burglary offences and have been arrested for other offences. Maintain close liaison with the crime reduction officers in order to help reduce the number of burglaries committed, there is an on going commitment to burglaries across the Division. The Unit averages 22 prisoners a month and a number of separate prison visits for remand prisoners.

2.2

Stroud INA

- Operation Trinity is focused on detecting and consequently reducing non-dwelling burglaries across the division. There has been an increase in non-dwelling Burglaries from 220 for the previous reporting year to 336 for this reporting year .The detection rate for this offence is 14%.

Stonhouse INA

- Operation Trent: Following analysis it was established that there was an increase in non-dwelling burglaries in the Nailsworth area. Officers were deployed to check industrial premises in the area over a two-day period. The above operations in Objective 2.1 above all related to this category as well. During these operations all vehicles stopped were issued with crime prevention leaflets-approximately 250 leaflets were handed out. As a result there has been a reduction in reported crimes of 31 offences-this equates to a 9% reduction.

Dursley INA

- Last year we achieved 20% reduction from the 2001 – 2002 figures. This year it is anticipated that we will see a 5% increase from the 2002 – 2003 figures.

District as a whole

- Commercial burglaries are monitored repeat victims are contacted by letter with offer of free security survey from Crime Reduction Officer
- Operation Loire: a leaflet and mobile shed security demonstrator, initiative is being progressed.
- Operation Maglite was conducted in 2 phases, the second involving the Force's Major Crime Unit (MCU) and surrounding forces. Surveillance was carried out and an operation conducted in Bristol in an attempt to capture 3 men involved in cross border high value burglaries in banks All 3 were arrested but the case was discontinued due to a lack of evidence.

2.3

Stroud INA

- Operation Jordan: A specific vehicle Crime operation aimed at a particular vehicle Crime hotspot in the Chalford /Thrupp Valley. Operation Jordan ran for one week, which resulted in no car crime being reported during that week and significant intelligence was collated
- Operation Nosey Parker: A Crime reduction operation aimed at alerting motorists to crime reduction methods. Crime reduction measure to make motorists more aware of leaving valuables in car done through leafleting and personnel advice from officers
- Operation Savannah: Automatic Number plate Recognition system. In three one-day operations 56 items of process issued, Five non payment of fine warrants executed and a further arrest for theft of a vehicle excise licence

Stonehouse INA

- Operation Wasdale: This covered the whole of the INA with 6 officers on general roaming patrol stopping vehicles gathering intelligence. The education of drivers has been the key. If officers see vehicles with valuables on show they record the registration numbers and owners are written to -17 letters sent out. Again 250 leaflets (crime prevention) handed out on road checks Reported crimes have shown a 7% reduction compared with 2002/03. The fight against this type of crime remains one of our core policing responsibilities and a number of local offenders have been arrested throughout the year.

Dursley INA

- Operation Royal Copse carried out in May 2003 to combat series of crimes in the Kingswood area. No arrests, but the series of offences in this area reduced dramatically following the operation.
- Crime prevention initiative carried out at Woodchester Park (crime hotspot) No further offences reported since this initiative began
- Operation James carried out in October 2003 to combat crimes in the Cam area. Twenty-five suspect vehicles stopped but no offences disclosed.
- Operation Nosey Parker carried out autumn / winter (initiative to deter people from leaving valuables on display in their vehicles). Suitable letters sent to registered owners of vehicles with valuables on display.
- Operation Saco carried out in December 2003 to combat car crime & anti-social use of motor vehicles. No arrests but a number of motoring offences disclosed
- Operation Lowther carried out in February & March 2004 to combat vehicle crime Four persons arrested. Despite our efforts the number of these offences has remained static. Many of the offences were committed in the rural areas near the county boundary.

District as a whole

- Hotspots highlighted and INA / owner of area contacted. Car Crime operations by divisional staff.
- Media coverage/Local radio slot monthly, established Continual press releases.
- Car Crime leaflets/posters distributed i.e. Golf Clubs/Leisure Centres/Beauty Spots 5000 leaflets distributed

Objective 3

3.1

Stroud INA

- In May of this year there were two large seizures of ecstasy tablets, 100 tablets being seized on each occasion. Two arrests and recovery of class "A" drugs
- Operation McKenzie; Nine arrests and a quantity of Heroin recovered.
- Operation Ossian: One arrest and over 500 grams of amphetamine recovered.
- Stroud INA has executed two warrants where class "A" drugs have been recovered and on each occasion: A significant quantity of drugs recovered (Cocaine) and two CS gas canisters recovered. Both were separate addresses and resulted in a total of 3 arrests.
- Detection rates for drugs trafficking running at 97% and possession of drugs 100%. 169 drug offences for the year in total
- On-going: at least two further drugs warrant awaiting to be executed this month

Stonehouse INA

- Operation Postman NKT: Information of drug using in Leonard Stanley -2 warrants executed. Cannabis found at one premises -1 arrest Sept 03
- Operation Zambese: Following intelligence a private dwelling house was executed under a warrant issued under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. A large cultivation

facility was found. All the items were seized. This involved 8 officers over a 2 day period in Oct 03.

- Operation Pattack 1: Intelligence showed that drugs were being distributed and used at addresses in Leonard Stanley-2 drugs warrants were executed-Dec 03
- Operation MacKenzie: Following extensive intelligence over a 9 month period 8 persons were arrested for supply/possession of heroin. They were charged with 34 offences - several offenders are remanded in custody and awaiting Crown Court Trial. (March 03-Jan 04). Since operation MacKenzie a crime study indicated that there has been a 40% reduction in crime from 2 weeks before the operation to 2 weeks after the 8 persons were arrested.
- Operation Pattack 11: Intelligence showed that a local person was using a house in Leonard Stanley area for smoking cannabis. A warrant was executed - one person reprimanded

Dursley INA

- A number of warrants were obtained and executed during the year.
- Operation Dismiss carried out at Michaelwood Services in June 2003.
- Drug searches routinely carried out when grounds exist.

As a result of the above a total of 122 drug related offences were detected. Eight of these were for supply of which five were for class "A" drugs. Ongoing as and when intelligence comes in.

District as a whole

- Operation Mackenzie was conducted using test purchasers on a subject in the Stonehouse and Stroud areas. This final part of the operation lasted for 3 weeks and involved divisional, MCU and staff from other forces. 8 persons arrested and charged with supplying Class "A" drugs. All have pleaded guilty and are due to be sentenced possibly on the 19 March 2004 at Crown Court. Ongoing criminal proceedings.

3.2

Stroud INA

- Since the summer there has been an alcohol and drug referral worker working in Stroud Cells. This has resulted in 108 referrals to Gloucestershire Drug and Alcohol Service There has been a steady increase in drug and alcohol referrals rising from 26 in July to September to 47 in October to December.

Dursley INA

Drug addicts referred to relevant agencies as appropriate.

3.3

Stroud INA

- There has been a significant increase of referrals for both alcohol and drug abuse to the Gloucestershire alcohol and drug service. This has been facilitated by the use of a dedicated worker at Stroud cells and the use of bail conditions to ensure that addicts are referred A rise in referrals from 27 in July to September to 47 in October to December

Stonehouse INA

- Officers have referred two persons from the INA community to GDAS. These two have stated that they wish to help themselves and need support. One of these has since refused treatment and continues to commit crime. The second person is presently remanded in Gloucester Prison.

Dursley

- Alcohol abusers referred to relevant agencies as appropriate.

Objective 4

4.1

Stroud INA

- In July of this year three anti social behaviour orders were granted in partnership with Stroud district Council and other agencies in the Community Safety partnership. A further three acceptable behaviour contracts were also served. These orders and contracts were served on youths in the Cashes Green area of Stroud. As a result a reduction of 100%, 100% and 80% respectively in the three streets affected was seen in victims of crime and disorder following the imposition of these orders and contracts. The introduction of these orders has had a ripple effect on other youths in the area channeling their efforts into other youth projects e.g. Cashes Green Youth Club and Victory Park Youth Club.

Stonehouse INA

- There have been no specific operations for this category throughout the year. Officers have continued to dispose of drink from under age youths. Unable to state what amount of alcohol has been pored away from open containers. All licensees on the INA have been written to and advised regarding their responsibilities. The local Inspector is presently working with local CADA group. Neighbourhood Warden to try and establish Validate more prominently within the area.

Dursley INA

- The launch of the 'Safe Child Scheme' in Dursley. Many visits to schools and retail outlets have been undertaken jointly with the Neighborhood warden Service of the District Council
- Liaison with youth groups (i.e. Wotton-Under-Edge youth club). Awareness of crime issues has been increased.
- Proposal to hold a youth PCCM at a local secondary school. Awaiting a suitable date from the school.

District as a whole

- "Mobile Phone Marking": Initiative offered to local secondary schools and offered on Neighborhood Watch Community Support Unit as a result. 2500 phones security marked.

4.2

Stroud INA

- The introduction of the Anti Social Behaviour orders and the acceptable behaviour contracts is a significant measure in diverting youth offenders away from the court processes. Three anti social behaviour orders in existence with a further three acceptable behaviour contracts. An additional acceptable behaviour contract is currently in the process of being done.

Stonehouse INA

- Officers continue to warn young offenders rather than prosecute or arrest. This is the INA policy to give a warning for minor offences if it is believed that the warning will be a success.

Dursley INA

- We are identifying possible offenders for consideration of ABCs / ASBO for suitable candidates. Nine youths in total have been identified and put forward for consideration. Although none have progressed to the ABC or ASBO stage, the intervention and support which has been put in place has had a very positive effect on the behaviour of some of the youths.

Objective 5

5.1

Stroud INA

- Streetsafe
- New Shift System
- Focused patrols for specials in rural areas
- BOBS Scheme
- Anti Social behavior orders

As a result of the above-mentioned initiatives there has been a significant reduction in violent crime from a figure of 617 in 2002-2003 compared with 566 for this reporting year. Detection rates remain at a similar rate of 65%.

Stonehouse INA

- Following analysis during Aug 03 Operation Profile was put in place to combat violent and anti social behaviour No further assaults reported
- Complaints received from public of public order offences in Stonehouse and Eastington. Operation Yukon put in place to tackle the problem (Nov 03). Complete success, no further complaints, youths have dispersed.
- As above reports re King Stanley area -Operation Murray. Two youths arrested.
- Following problems in 2002 Frampton Feast received high profile policing in order to combat any disorder. Four arrested.
- During Nailsworth Goodwill Evening 2002 five arrests were made. In view of this extra patrols were put in place for Christmas 2003. No problems in area, no arrests.
- Operation Pattack 1 and Operation Pattack 11 saw public order patrols around the pubs and areas where analysis showed previous problems (Stonehouse High Street).

Dursley INA

- (Please see objective 1, targets 1 and 2. above) It is anticipated that we will experience a 12% reduction in violent crimes this year.

5.2

Stroud INA

- There has been an increase in the number of domestic violence reports through the work of domestic violence unit officers (DVU) and INA staff. The increase in reports was from 280 to 358 compared the same period last year.

Stonehouse INA

- All incidents are personally scrutinised by INA Inspector to make sure that they are reported and recorded correctly. There has been an increase of 16 recorded incidents of a violent nature.

Dursley INA

- The DVU Officers carry out regular liaison visits to the INA and as a result there has been an increased flow of information and increased level of awareness amongst INA staff.

5.3

Stroud INA

- In late February the Division introduced a new strategy in relation to identifying repeat victims of crimes. The Domestic Violence officer will collate information and statements forwarded to individual INA for action. Action plans have started to come through in relation to repeat domestic violence offences. On going process.

Stonehouse INA

- INA staff are all aware of the need to take positive action at domestic disputes to prevent re-occurrence.

Dursley INA

- INA staff are all aware of the need to take positive action at domestic disputes to prevent re-occurrence Numerous persons arrested as a result of domestic disputes. The current figure is 2.5% below the baseline. Ongoing.

Objective 6

6.1

Stroud INA

- Formation of Community Safety Unit in the Division will allow us to further improve our ability in respect of cooperation between different agencies.
- Multi agency Racial Incident Group in place and supported by us with the secretary being our Racial Incidents liaison officer.
- Operation Mint: One arrested and convicted for racially aggravated harassment.

Objective 7

7.1

All INAs

- This process is ongoing with regular CADA Meetings and cluster group meetings Intelligence Liaison Officer in place. The officer works with local CADA group and conforms to policy re sharing of information.