

**LOCAL MULTI-AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING GROUPS (LMAPS)
COALFIELDS**
**(Part 1 – Houghton, Shiney Row, Penshaw, Newbottle, Fencehouses and
the Herringtons)**
**(Part 2 – Hetton, Easington Lane, Racecourse, Moorsley, Peat Carr and
East Rainton)**

Dates of Meetings - (Since last Area Committee):

- Tuesday 20th May 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office, Houghton (Parts 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 24th June 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Gentoo Office, Hetton (Parts 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 29th July 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm
• Venue: Gentoo Office, Houghton (Parts 1 and 2)

1. Property Crime (Including Burglary and Car Crime)

- 1.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

2. Anti-Social Behaviour (Including alcohol related crime and disorder and Criminal Damage)

- 2.1 ASB activity in Houghton Town Centre. Current issues reported to LMAPS since September 07.

Latest Action Police reported to the May meeting that school visits had taken place, 2 ABAs were signed with a 3rd pending. Agreed to close issue at May meeting.

- 2.2 ASB activity in vicinity of Houghton Sports Centre. Current issues reported to LMAPS since September 07, though problems are historic.

Latest Action –Police reported that no further incidents had occurred so agreed to close from May 08 meeting.

- 2.3 ASB activity from address in Penshaw area. Issues reported to LMAPS since October 07.

Latest Action. Police reported to the May meeting that 2 incidents had been reported with no offences being committed. Neighbourhood Relations Team reported that several complaints had been received from neighbours. The landlord had agreed to re-house the family in Hetton and all additional support will be implemented. ABA's have been signed

It was reported to the June meeting by the NRT that the landlord would no longer re-house the family so it was expected they would present themselves as homeless. Residents were still forwarding diary sheets to the NRT. As a result of the family not moving it was not possible to implement the parenting order. Police reported that no further incidents had occurred.

Neighbourhood Relations Team reported to the July meeting that the eviction would take place in mid-September. Both youths at the residence have breached ABAs and steps are being taken to obtain an ASBO for one due to harassment. The Police reported 8 calls to the address and one youth being reported as a missing person.

Continue to monitor

- 2.4 ASB motorcycle disorder in Burnside area of Houghton. Access being obtained through damaged fence. Drugs paraphernalia also found. Issues reported to LMAPS since February 08.

Latest Action: It was reported to the May meeting that Police had carried out an operation including use of the Force helicopter, officers on cycles, and mounted officers, however no incidents had occurred.

It was reported to the June meeting that the Police and Highways had held a site visit to look at reducing access to the site. The Police also reported that one arrest had been made.

It was reported to the July meeting that another arrest had been made and several stops, details of which would be passed on to NRT and Gentoo to arrange joint visits. Fence repairs and erection of A frame is being progressed, though timescale for the work to be carried out is unknown.

- 2.5 ASB activity in Monument area. Concerns of premises selling alcohol to young people. Reported to LMAPS at the April meeting.

Latest Action: Police officers carried out plain clothes surveillance on 2 consecutive Friday's but no breaches witnessed however a file has been submitted to Trading Standards re previous breach of licence. Continue to monitor.

- 2.6 ASB motorcycle disorder West Herrington. Issue relating to pathway being unlit. First reported to LMAPS June 08.

Latest Action: It was reported to the June meeting that whilst Police have concentrated resources in the area, youths disperse across the adjacent Country Park. It was reported to the July meeting that cost options for lighting the path were being sought. However it was also

reported that the path was a private street overlaid with bridleway so there would be no obligation on the Council to fund lighting columns. It was also reported that the local MP had raised concerns of disorder on behalf of a local resident, as a result of which a meeting has been arranged for mid-August to progress the issue. Continue to monitor.

- 2.7 ASB activity (youths drinking alcohol) in vicinity of Hetton Lyons Cricket Club. First reported to LMAPS in February 08.

Latest Action: Police reported to the May meeting that youths are no longer congregating in the area; they have dispersed to Hetton Lyons Country Park. As a result of this it was agreed to close from LMAPS and open new issue 'Hetton Lyons Country Park'.

- 2.8 ASB including underage drinking. Hetton Lyons Country Park. First reported to LMAPS in May 08.

Latest Action: As above, it was reported to the May meeting that the group from the vicinity of Hetton Lyons Cricket Club had dispersed to the Country Park. Police would continue with high visibility patrols.

It was reported to the June meeting that targeting the area with both uniformed and plain clothes officers had resulted in over 30 youths being stopped.

It was reported to the July meeting that one arrest had been made and that all stops would be relayed to NRT and Gentoo in order to arrange joint home visits. The operation would continue.

Continue to monitor.

- 2.9 Police received a petition regarding ASB and disorder at East Rainton; This was also copied to the Council. However it was reported that the statistics do not support claims made by residents. First reported to LMAPS in June 08

Latest Action: It was reported to the June meeting that the Police had visited over 80 addresses half of those questioned had no concerns and 30% reported problems being at the lower end of the scale.

It was reported to the July meeting that 2 NOSP's and 1 injunction had been served. Continue to monitor.

- 2.10 ASB including underage drinking; ASB fires; litter and motorcycle disorder. Gilpin Woods Area of Houghton. Re-reported to LMAPS in June 08.

Latest Action: Police reported only one incident being recorded so issue was closed from LMAPS at July meeting.

- 2.11 ASB motorcyclist using private land at Easington Lane. Barriers have been removed which allow access. First reported to LMAPS June 08.

Latest Action: Safer Communities Team reported awareness of a recent funding allocation for improvement works in the Elemore Vale area. Investigate whether funding is earmarked for this site. Continue to monitor and update at next LMAPS.

3. Hate Crime

- 3.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

4. Domestic Violence

- 4.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

5. Drugs Misuse

- 5.1 No issues reported to LMAPS for this reporting period.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 Targeted Youth Engagement - Latest update from July 08

Issue escalated to June BSG with a recommendation it is escalated to the SSP. Update at next LMAPS.

- 6.2 Hetton School - Latest update from July 08

Work at the School was due to commence during holiday period. Police were offered a base at the School. Update at next LMAPS.

- 6.3 CCTV - Latest update from July 08

It was reported that the cameras had now been installed although concerns were made that the monitoring suite was not continually being manned. Update at next LMAPS.

- 6.5 Batcave Public House - Latest update from June 08

Although not yet demolished it was agreed to close the issue at June 08 LMAPS.

- 6.7 Houghton approach - Latest update from July 08

Concerns had previously been expressed as to the general appearance of the approach into Houghton caused mainly by vehicles being parked on grass verges ploughing them up. It was reported that Engineers are looking at the most appropriate solution. Update at next LMAPS.

6.8 Houghton Subway – A690 - Latest update from July 08

It had previously been reported that whilst the footbridge was closed for repairs the subway was to be used and residents had expressed concerns at its condition and their reluctance to use it. It was reported to the July meeting that whilst various options had been considered to promote community safety there would be no CCTV or guarding measures taken.

6.8 TWFRS

Concerns were raised a Public House in Hetton and the potential risk of combustible materials housed within. Update at next LMAPS.

6.9 Funding

It had previously been reported that each LMAPS group had been given delegated authority to spend £6,875 of which £3,125 must be spent by 30.09.08. Given that there is only one meeting in September before the funding deadline, it was agreed to distribute the £3,125 between Police; Gentoo and NRT in order to fund promotional merchandise for the forthcoming Community Safety Events.

6.10 Feedback postcards

Partners were reminded to look for opportunities to publicise and promote good news LMAPS successes and to advise the SCT of those that appeared suitable.

6.11 Community Safety Events

Gentoo are to host several Community Safety events and all Partners are invited to participate, the dates are:-

Mon 06.10.08 Houghton Skyline

Fri 10.10.08 Shiney Row Library

Mon 20.10.08 Hetton Centre

Fri 24.10.08 Fence Houses

6.12 Knife Crime Campaign

Northumbria Police are spearheading a campaign in order to relay fears of knife crime which is not a problem in our area although is prevalent nationally.

7. Future Meetings

7.1 Date and time of next Meeting

- Tuesday 2nd September 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Houghton

7.2 Subsequent meeting

- Tuesday 7th October 2008. 2.00pm to 4.00pm Gentoo Office, Hetton

8. **Supporting Information**

- 8.1 Note that the previously provided statistical analysis is currently being re-designed.