



**MELTON AREA  
SAFER COMMUNITIES  
PARTNERSHIP  
COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN  
ANNUAL REFRESH  
2009/10**

*"WORKING TOGETHER  
TO TACKLE CRIME AND  
THE FEAR OF CRIME IN  
THE BOROUGH OF  
MELTON"*

## **Introduction**

In 2008 the Melton Area Safer Communities Partnership developed a new 3 year Community Safety Strategy for the 2008-2011 period. The priorities identified by the partnership were:

1. Reduce the harm caused by substance misuse, particularly alcohol.
2. Tackling domestic abuse.
3. Tackling anti-social behaviour.
4. Reducing serious acquisitive crime.
5. Reducing re-offending.
6. Focusing on Priority Neighbourhoods.

## **2008-09 Partnership Review**

### **Performance:**

The partnership sets targets around each of its priorities and as such manages performance utilising a number of tools including monthly crime dashboards, iQuanta, ICSB reports and tactical assessment documents. These allow the partnership to monitor progress against agreed targets but also to respond to any emerging issues.

This year performance has varied with successes seen in tackling assault with less serious injury, serious violence and theft from vehicles☺. Crimes which have seen an increase include burglary dwelling, criminal damage and reports of anti-social behaviour☹.

Moving forward the partnership will aim to monitor performance by *measuring an array of outcomes* as well as crime figures. This will include targets around reassurance and confidence (complementing NI21 – dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police) as well as factors associated with improved life chances – e.g. numbers in effective drug treatment, employment, accommodation etc.

### **Key Partnership Activity 2008/09:**

During 2008 a number of projects were established or continued which aimed to support the implementation of the partnerships priorities. These included:

#### **1. Anti-Social Behaviour**

During 2008/09 the partnership continued to implement the incremental approach to tackling ASB - this included issuing 107 advice and warning letters to individuals involved. The partnership continued to support the ICSB which provided intelligence led documents which helped the *Joint Action Group* deploy resources within hotspot areas – this included the deployment of the Youth Worker *Impact Project*.

Numerous diversionary projects were developed and focused on engaging target individuals during peak times for ASB. The Melton Learning Hub Youth club was launched and is now averaging 18 individuals a week.

Education - during the course of 2008 11 ASB awareness sessions were delivered in Melton Borough primary and secondary schools. 3 Police station tours were delivered and a 400% increase in primary schools attendance at the 'Warning Zone' was recorded as a result of improved referrals.

The Melton *Family Intervention Project* continued to work with those families identified as prolific for anti-social behaviour within their neighbourhood. In total the FIP project worked with over 10 families during the course of 2008/09.

## 2. Domestic Abuse

During 2008/09 the Melton Domestic Abuse Forum continued to improve services for those suffering from domestic abuse. The partnership provided additional funding to enhance the *Women's Aid Outreach Service* by 10 hours per week in order to support the increasing demand for the service.

The Partnership also provided funding in order to deliver the *Freedom Programme* project which provided support sessions to service users and aimed to reduce revictimisation. This complemented the *Domestic Violence Enforcement Campaign* (DVEC) funded by the MASCP which aimed to prevent revictimisation by enhancing support services during peak times.

The Domestic Abuse Forum delivered an array of awareness raising events throughout the year which included campaigns during November Awareness Week, Valentines Day. The Forum also finalised the *Melton Sanctuary Scheme* which aims to reduce revictimisation and allow victims to remain in their own home through increased enforcement.

## 3. Acquisitive Crime

The MASCP provided 8.5k to implement a programme of activity during 2008/09 which aimed to reduce the levels of acquisitive crime within the Borough. This included an array of activity around Burglary, Cycle Theft and Vehicle crime.

Activity included deploying *technical equipment* which aimed to increase detections and reduce the levels of theft from vehicles. The Partnership also implemented a *Cycle Marking Scheme* to help combat the increase in theft of cycles during the year.

The MASCP continued to deliver *Smart-Watering tactics* within hotspot areas and also implemented a *rat trap property* project. All victims of domestic burglary were provided with burglary information packs which provided prevention advice and materials all aimed at reducing revictimisation. The MASCP also provided funding to begin the groundwork on the installation of a business watch CCTV scheme in the Snow hill industrial estate.

## 4. Reduce the harm caused by substance misuse, particularly alcohol

This year saw the partnership implement an alcohol awareness strategy in the Borough – *Sensible Measures Melton* which aimed to reduce the harm caused by alcohol misuse through a programme of education, enforcement and treatment.

The partnership also worked closely with the local College in order to develop an alcohol awareness tool designed by young people for young people.

During the year the partnership worked closely in order to support the Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaign aimed to reduce underage related ASB and disorder. This work was complemented by numerous *test purchases* aimed at reducing underage sales and the *advice letters* distributed to parents of those involved in underage alcohol misuse.

#### 5. Reducing Re-offending

This year saw the MASCP focus on re-offending as a priority. As a result the partnership has worked closely with other agencies in order to develop a new project aimed at reducing re-offending in those serving less than 12 months – *Melton Pathways Scheme*.

This work supported the on-going work of the Multi-Agency Prolific and Priority Offender Management scheme (MAPPOM) and the work the mainstream services of the Youth Offending Service. The partnership is also represented on the County Reducing Re-offending Board and aims to adopt the countywide strategy at a local level.

#### **2008-2009 Partnership Funding**

During 2008 £43,702 was received through the Safer Communities Local Area Agreement in order to support the activities of the partnership. The MASCP also secured £11,000 funding from the Police BCU fund and £12,500 from Melton Borough Council.

The Partnership also had a high level of success in securing £35,000 of additional funds in order to implement a *CCTV force headquarters link* and to develop a pilot project (*Pathways*) designed to reduce re-offending in those serving less than 12 months – the first of its kind in Leicestershire.

## Community Safety Strategy Priority Refresh 2009-10

The Melton Area Safer Community Partnership is now required to produce a 3 year 'rolling' community safety strategy which is reviewed annually through a strategic assessment. Each year the Partnership will prepare a Strategic Assessment to assist in revising the plan and the community safety priorities for Melton. The strategic assessment must include information on:

- Analysis of levels of crime.
- Changes in crime since last strategic assessment.
- Views from the community on matters that need to be prioritised.

Following the 2008/09 strategic assessment the Melton Area Safer Communities Partnership has identified the following priorities:

<b>Priority 1: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour</b> <i>'To reduce the incidents of serious and persistent anti-social behaviour'</i>
<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Nationally anti-social behaviour is a high profile issue and this is reflected locally in the Borough of where last year alone the Police and Melton Borough Council received over 3000 complaints of anti-social behaviour. We have a number of hotspot areas which account for a significantly high percentage of complaints related to rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour.</p> <p>Overall, a large percentage of anti-social behaviour complaints involve young people with a significant number of these cases relating to alcohol misuse resulting in anti-social behaviour, vandalism and criminal damage. Criminal damage is a volume crime in Melton Borough and accounts for some 40% of all BCS comparator crime.</p> <p>The 2008/09 strategic assessment continued to show that anti-social behaviour reports remained high and of key concern to the residents in the Borough.</p>
<p><b>Key Aims</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reduce the levels of reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour.</li> <li>2. To increase satisfaction amongst residents that ASB is being dealt with effectively.</li> <li>3. To reduce the overall levels of criminal damage in the Borough.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Key Objectives</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To educate the public on the various reporting methods available and encouraging more people to report anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>2. Supporting victims of anti-social behaviour by dealing with all complaints quickly and efficiently.</li> <li>3. To ensure all Melton Borough Council anti-social behaviour complaints are recorded and fed through to the ICSB in order to establish baseline level during 2009/10.</li> <li>4. To work closely with neighbourhood policing teams in order to identify perpetrators of anti-social behaviour and to consider appropriate referrals.</li> <li>5. Ensuring Melton Borough Council &amp; Melton Police adopt the standardised incremental approach co-ordinately.</li> <li>6. Focus on tackling anti-social behaviour issues related to young people and engaging more young people in positive activities.</li> <li>7. Educating young people via schools, youth groups etc. in relation to the consequences of their actions.</li> <li>8. Educating the wider community regarding what does and does not constitute ASB.</li> </ol>

<b>Targets</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To reduce the levels of reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour by 5% by 2010/11 based 2009/10 baseline.</li><li>2. To increase the level of satisfaction amongst residents that ASB is being dealt with effectively by the Police and Local Council by 15% by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li><li>3. To reduce the level of young people entering the criminal justice system by 3% by 2009/10 based on 2007/08 baseline.</li></ol>
<b>Lead Agency</b>
Melton Borough Council

<b>Priority 2: Tackling Domestic Abuse</b> <i>'Providing robust intervention to tackle domestic abuse'</i>	
<b>Background</b>	
<p>Domestic abuse is a significant issue for the Borough of Melton for two reasons. Firstly, due to a significant number of reported incidences of domestic abuse (per head of population), and secondly, due to the often hidden nature of the offence. Over 400 incidences of domestic abuse are reported annually in the area of Melton, with between 33 to 50 separate incidents being reported to the Police every month. The British Crime Survey also estimates that only around 40% of offences are reported.</p> <p>The rural nature of the Borough also creates some unique challenges for the partnership. The lack and infrequency of local bus services, inaccessibility of police stations and often poor mobile phone signals, create barriers to victims reporting crimes. The make-up of our community also poses challenges in reaching out to all types of residents, such as those from the emerging Eastern European Community and those who are elderly or have a disability.</p> <p>The 2008/09 strategic assessment continued to show domestic abuse as a key issue with reports of domestic abuse at a 5 year high.</p>	
<b>Key Aims</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To increase the levels of new reported incidents of domestic abuse.</li> <li>2. To reduce the levels of repeat incidents of domestic abuse.</li> <li>3. To increase the levels of offenders brought to justice.</li> </ol>	
<b>Key Objectives</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raising awareness of domestic abuse and the avenues of support open to victims.</li> <li>2. Encouraging more victims to report domestic abuse.</li> <li>3. Targeting prevention and intervention work in known hotspots.</li> <li>4. Tackling persistent repeat offenders.</li> <li>5. Widening outreach work to support victims.</li> <li>6. Providing partnership representation at the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs).</li> <li>7. To ensure adequate services are in place to support victims seeking refuge from domestic abuse.</li> <li>8. Providing victims with adequate support groups and service in order to reduce the risk of revictimisation.</li> </ol>	
<b>Targets</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reduce all reported domestic abuse assaults by 5% by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li> <li>2. To increase the levels of new reported incidents of domestic abuse by 5% by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li> <li>3. To reduce the levels of repeat incidents of domestic abuse by 8% by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li> <li>4. To increase the levels of offenders brought to justice by....by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline. (TBC)</li> </ol>	
<b>Lead Agency</b>	
Melton Borough Council Leicestershire Constabulary	

<b>Priority 3: Reducing Re-offending</b> <i>'To prevent re-offending and reduce the impact of offending on the community'</i>
<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Over half of all crime is committed by people who have already been through the criminal justice system with over 50% of offenders re-offending within 2 years of release from prison. It is estimated that re-offending costs the economy over £11 billion a year. As a result there is now a new focus on tackling offending behaviour. This focus is not just on Prolific and Priority Offenders, who commit disproportionate amounts of crime, but also those who are at risk of offending.</p> <p>The 2008/09 strategic assessment showed that offenders in Melton are at a higher risk of re-offending than elsewhere in the County and that High numbers reside within priority neighbourhoods.</p> <p>The partnership recognises that investing in initiatives that aim to reduce re-offending and prevent those at risk of offending will ultimately have a huge impact on the crime levels within Melton.</p>
<p><b>Key Aims</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reduce the levels of proven re-offending by young and adult offenders.</li> <li>2. To reduce the level of re-offending amongst prolific offenders.</li> <li>3. To prevent those at risk from offending.</li> <li>4. To reduce the factors which can lead to offending behaviour.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Key Objectives</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The delivery of mainstream services with adult offenders to prevent re-offending (Probation Service).</li> <li>2. The Multi Agency Prolific and Priority Offender Management scheme (MAPPOM) will deliver work with those offenders identified as causing most harm to communities including the development of FARAM and LOMP review.</li> <li>3. The delivery of mainstream services with young offenders to prevent re-offending. This will include pre and post court work along with the provision of specialist services (Youth Offending Service).</li> <li>4. To develop initiatives which will reduce the factors that can lead to re-offending.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Targets</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To maintain PPO re-offending levels at 40% during 2009/10.</li> <li>2. To reduce the rate of proven re-offending by young offenders by... based on (TBC)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Lead Agency</b></p> <p>Leicestershire &amp; Rutland Probation Service Leicestershire Youth Offending Service</p>

<b>Priority 4: Substance Misuse</b> <b>'To reduce the harm caused by substance misuse including alcohol'</b>	
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Governments alcohol harm reduction strategy "<i>Safe, Sensible, Social</i>" 2007 presents the case for joined up action at a local level to tackle alcohol related harm. Alcohol misuse affects individuals, families and the wider community whilst placing a high burden on our health, social care and criminal justice systems. The Leicestershire strategy '<i>Sensible Measures</i>' has been developed by looking at the related policies, targets, local data and the recent strategic assessment.</p> <p>The 2008/09 strategic assessment highlighted the Increasing evidence indicating drug misuse is also an emerging problem with drug related offences at a 5 year high. Disproportionate amount of offenders from the Melton area also test positive for substance misuse when compared to the County levels. Therefore there is a need to also provide a focus Drug Services and misuse in the Borough.</p>
<b>Key Aims</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reduce the impact of substance misuse on crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>2. To reduce the harm caused to communities as a result of associated crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>3. Reduce the harm caused to the health and well being of those who misuse.</li> <li>4. To increase awareness of the consequences of substance misuse and irresponsible drinking amongst young people.</li> </ol>
<b>Key Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote the safe use of alcohol through a programme of information and education (Prevention).</li> <li>2. Promote safety in the community through appropriate enforcement (Community Safety).</li> <li>3. To commission structured and effective community based alcohol treatment and support services for those affected by alcohol misuse (Treatment).</li> <li>4. To provide local, easily accessibly drug treatment services.</li> <li>5. To increase awareness of the harm caused by substance misuse and the support services available.</li> </ol>
<b>Targets</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reduce serious violent crime by 3% in 2009/10 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li> <li>2. To reduce assault with less serious injury by 3% in 2009/10 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li> <li>3. To enhance the numbers of drug users in effective treatment by.... by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline (TBC).</li> <li>4. To increase the level of satisfaction amongst residents that ASB is being dealt with effectively by the Police and Local Council by 15% by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li> </ol>
<b>Lead Agency</b>	<p>Leicestershire &amp; Rutland Primary Care Trust  Leicestershire Drug &amp; Alcohol Action Team</p>

<b>Priority 5: Burglary</b> <i>'To reduce the levels of all burglary in the Borough'</i>	
<b>Background</b>	<p>Levels of domestic burglary in Melton have remained relatively stable over the past 2 years accounting for 11% of all BCS comparator crime in the Borough. The nature of the crime has a huge impact on victims and has a devastating effect on people's feelings of safety, particularly those over the age of 70. Vehicle crime also accounts for a high percentage of crime figures for Melton impacting upon a large number of people.</p> <p>The 2008/09 strategic assessment showed that, for burglary, Melton had lower reductions compared with other areas and similar family groups. However the levels of burglary during 2008/09 were up 20% for the year to date. Burglary is also of high concern among residents with problems existing in isolated dwellings and therefore burglary will provide the key area of partnership focus. Vehicle crime however has reduced steadily over the past 4 years and although theft from vehicles accounts for some 17% of all BCS comparator crime this will no longer be a focus for the partnership.</p>
<b>Key Aims</b>	<p>To reduce the levels of domestic burglary in the Borough. To reduce the levels of burglary other than dwellings in the Borough.</p>
<b>Key Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To raise awareness of home and business security through a programme of education and support of neighbourhood watch.</li> <li>2. To target those identified as prolific offenders for acquisitive crime and utilise appropriate enforcement sanctions where possible.</li> <li>3. To maximise local opportunities to with the local population to establish actionable intelligence on known offenders.</li> </ol>
<b>Targets</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reduce all levels of burglary by 3% during 2009/10 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li> <li>2. To reduce all levels of burglary by 6% by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline.</li> </ol>
<b>Lead Agency</b>	Leicestershire Constabulary

<b>Priority 6: Road Safety</b> <i>'To enhance road safety and reduce the levels of KSI in the Borough'</i>	
<b>Background</b>	The 2008/09 strategic assessment showed that there had been increased levels of road deaths during 0809 within Melton with speeding vehicles also being flagged up as a key issue for residents living in rural areas.
<b>Key Aims</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reduce the number of People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.</li> <li>2. To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.</li> </ol>
<b>Key Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitate the implementation of countywide led road safety initiatives, ensuring they are delivered locally in the Melton Borough.</li> <li>2. Build on existing countywide projects and implement locally - based on a programme of education.</li> <li>3. Collate and circulate data on accident trends amongst key organisations involved in road safety.</li> <li>4. Provide information benchmarking against other similar areas to measure the effectiveness of road safety initiatives and campaigns.</li> </ol>
<b>Targets</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reduce the number of People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents by.... by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline. (TBC)</li> <li>2. To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents by .... by 2010/11 based on 2008/09 baseline. (TBC)</li> </ol>
<b>Lead Agency</b>	Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service