



# UPDATE



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## 'On yer bike!'

CDRPs are often far thinking in their bid to tackle vehicle and street crime, especially in built up areas, where traffic and entry restrictions make the police pursuit of offenders difficult. So what's the solution? Stratford CSP had the answer "Get on yer bike!"

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seeing!) and together with colleagues also on cycles, they made a successful arrest. Sgt Lucy Sewell who was at the scene said "Without a doubt our mobility and flexibility due to the bikes was a significant factor in the arrest- foot patrols and cars couldn't have provided the same response in these circumstances."

The town's Community Safety Partnership (through partnership funding) recently bought state-of-the-art bicycles and protective clothing to get their police officers up to speed in the town centre. Within days the bikes were being put to the test by Stratford's town centre police team.

Whilst on bicycle patrol in Stratford, PC Harvey Whitehouse attempted to serve a warrant on a known offender. Said offender made his escape in a motorhome. After calling for support, PC Whitehouse pursued the motorhome (and for those who know Harvey, this was probably a sight worth

Initial reaction to the use of bikes from both residents and visitors to the town centre has been very enthusiastic.

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## Campaigning against 'Hate Crime' in Warwickshire

HATE Crime is any crime which is perceived by the victim as being motivated by prejudice. It can be motivated not only by racism, but also bigotry towards homosexual, transsexual and disabled people and those of other religions. This hatred can manifest itself through graffiti, attacks on

property and physical and verbal abuse.

Warwickshire Police are one of the four founding forces which developed the concept back in 2004 and as a result piloted 'hate crime packs' - a third party reporting and information pack for Hate Crime. Similar packs being are now being used by 39 of the 43 Home Office Police services.

Warwickshire's "True Vision" pack contains a variety of inserts providing information on a range of issues, and contains a reporting form and pre paid envelop. There are two versions of the pack one for Race and Religion and the other for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender related Hate Crime.

A third version, focusing on disability, is also in the planning stages.

For the initiative to be effective the packs need to be out and visible, importantly they are also free.

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## What's coming up

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Welcome to Update Number 3.

Try and book places as soon as you can on the Crime, Community Safety and Public Policy course at Birmingham university as places are going fast.

There have been some good success stories from across the region recently and the GOWM funding for State-of-the-Art bikes in Stratford is already paying dividends for the local police.

The focus this autumn is TVCP, 'Tackling Violent Crime', especially on the Domestic Violence side of things.

GNN will be co-ordinating a regional DV awareness campaign - so please pass on any relevant DV leads of any good projects, plus case material that can support the Home Office campaign, to GNN as well as Andy Smith at GOWM who leads on TVCP. Contact:

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You can also visit the HO website to see the full CDA review.

Last month we said goodbye to Aftab Rahman of the Community Cohesion team, who has moved on to Birmingham and Sandwell Pathfinder Project and a hello to Ian Angus, formerly of Birmingham Voluntary Service, who is his temporary replacement.

Birmingham and Coventry Community Safety Partnerships have also run high profile campaigns on hate crime in recent years. For further information on publicity material contact:

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## Priority and Prolific Offenders Programme

YOU can get some perspective on the effectiveness of South Worcester's Priority and Prolific Offender scheme, when you look closely at individual case studies. The crux of the PPO Programme doesn't so much lie in the amount of people registered on its schemes, more a case of crimes uncommitted as a result. It stems from the fact that certain crimes will be repeated by certain offenders in pretty much the same localities.

The Prolific and Priority Offender scheme was launched in 2004 and uses police intelligence to target a small group of core offenders who are responsible for a large percent of crime in their local area. Although precise numbers vary from area to area, each CDRP in the region generally can identify 15-20 offenders in their patch (more in larger areas) - all of whom will be responsible for a large proportion of local crime.

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The key aim of the programme is threefold:

- Prevent and Deter.
- Catch and Convict- making sure that these offenders are dealt with quickly by the criminal justice system.
- Rehabilitate and Resettle - giving offenders the very best opportunity to stop offending by

addressing their criminogenic needs (including drugs and alcohol) with the promise of a swift return to court if they continue to offend.

South Worcestershire is a good example of this matrix and the following case study dovetails the three key aims:

### THEN

J was a Priority and Prolific Offender between October 2004 and

February 2006. He was initially nominated onto the South Worcestershire scheme shortly after its inception. J was removed from the scheme for a short period between February 2005 and September 2005. At this stage the PPO scheme was still gathering pace and the Home Office had not standardised PPO removal guidelines. Therefore, on 29 September 2005, the decision was taken to nominate J back onto the scheme to address the causes of his prolific offending.

J was a highly prolific thief who targeted vehicles but also committed other offences such as drugs, weapons, public order and offences against people and property. He has been convicted 18 times in both Crown and Magistrates' Courts where he has had numerous motor vehicle offences taken into consideration; for example 536 of 564 offence listings on J's C.R.I.M.E.S record are vehicle crime related.

During the period when J was most prolific, a substantial amount of crime related intelligence was received suggesting his involvement in criminal activity in order to fund his Heroin habit.

### NOW

During the 7- month period when J was not a PPO, police records detail 44 offences. However, subsequent to his PPO re-nomination on 29 September 2005, a significant change can be seen in J's offending. Zero offences are listed after the above date and he was last convicted in Worcester Magistrates Court on 12 October 2005. The last recorded arrest of J, was on 20 September 2005. The last crime related intelligence log was of low reliability and received on 9 November 2005.

Recent intelligence is non-crime related and details J's wish to arrange rented accommodation with his girlfriend after his Braley House residency expires on 30 June. Intelligence also suggests J is now in employment to save for his accommodation. Sightings of J has shown he is dressing more smartly and generally looks in good health.

## CDA Review

FOLLOWING the national consultation events, Reference Group members recommend that the 3 work streams be continued.

Stakeholders attended 10 events in England and submitted over 100 email submissions. Taken as a whole consultation was seen as welcome and would lead to a working delivery of the review.

The main suggestions to result from the Practitioner Workshops were:

- Standards must be concise, simple and clear- plain English and free of jargon
- Be community focused- with and overall outcome of reducing crime in partnership with the community
- Be practical, workable and fit for purpose
- Encourage evidence based practice - Adhere to SMART principles of Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely
- Encourage ownership and accountability
- Avoid duplication

It was also recommended that CDRPS reach high performance levels in partnership by the following strategies:

- Split of Strategic and Operational Functions / Roles and Responsibilities
- National Intelligence
- Information Sharing
- Strategic Assessment
- Annual 3 Year Rolling Plans
- Community Engagement
- Overview and Scrutiny
- Monitoring and Inspection

## Certificate course: how to apply

WITH the support of GOWM, The Institute of Applied Social Studies at the University of Birmingham is inviting applications for its certificate course in Crime, Community Safety and Social Policy. This will be the second running of this programme, following its successful introduction last year.

It is designed for staff who have responsibility for all aspects of crime reduction and community safety. They may be employed as practitioners or managers in crime reduction partnerships or in community safety roles in a range of agencies.

The course will commence in January 2007.

The total cost is being part subsidised by GOWM and the University of Birmingham., resulting in the actual fee required per participant being £600. There will be an open event for those interested on 14 November. To find out more and get an application, contact:

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**Mike Ramsey, finance manager with the HOSST team at GOWM, recently completed the Post Graduate in Crime, Community Safety and Public Policy course:**

While I was up to speed on the practicalities of crime reduction, I was working in a vacuum; what were the underlying theories? What worked? And who was Emil Durkheim?

The course itself was very good indeed; just the right level of theory but with the opportunity to discuss with other practitioners What works in the field and what the problems were. Then came the assignments

The course itself was 13 days of directed learning and three assignments, two essays and a presentation and narrative.

The assignments took about 5 hours each to write and about 100 hours to research. So, There is a lot of reading! Is it worth it? Yes. I learnt a lot about crime, and as time passes I'm now reading about it for pleasure and interest rather than because I need it for an assignment.

I enjoyed the academic rigour required to produce a well researched document that delivers exactly what is required. I also got some more initials after my name!