

## Local Community Meeting (West)

Date: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Wards: Belfairs, Eastwood Park, Leigh, St Laurence, West Leigh

Location: St Stephen's Church, 90, Alton Gardens, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS2 6QZ

*Attendees: Forty five people were present.*

PS HALLS introduced himself as the Community Policing Sergeant for the West wards. He can be contacted on [Matthew.Halls@essex.police.uk](mailto:Matthew.Halls@essex.police.uk). He has replaced PS KNIGHTS as the Sergeant for the area. PS KNIGHTS has moved onto another team.

### 1: Review of previously agreed priorities

#### Op Insight/Burglary.

Ward	Burglary this period	Attempts this period	Burglary last period	Attempts last period	Difference	Solved Offences
Leigh	4	0	5	0	-1	1x filed 3x under investigation
West Leigh	5	0	2	0	+3	1x filed 3x under investigation
Belfairs	3	0	4	0	-1	1x filed 2x under investigation
St Laurence	8	6	2	0	+12	10x filed 3x under investigation
Eastwood	1	0	2	0	-1	1x under investigation
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+12</b>	

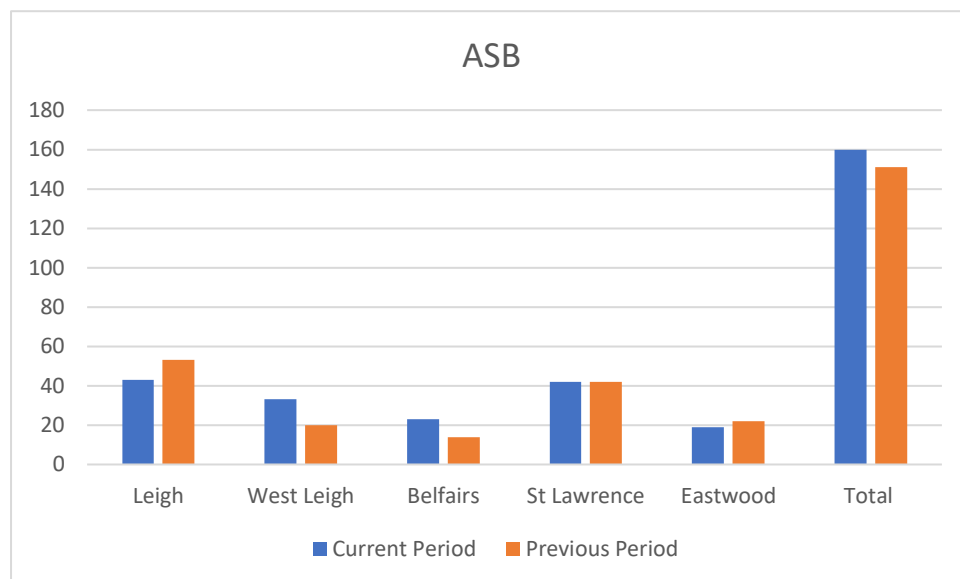
#### Increased visibility re crime/ASB at identified locations

PS HALLS provided an update on the substantial work his team has undertaken in relation to the objectives. However, going forward he would be reviewing this and identifying a small number of areas to focus on.

St Laurence	4
Western Approaches	14
Eastwood Road North	16
Eastwood Park	20
Beaver Towers	14
Hudson Road	4
Eastwood Rise	4
Bramble Road	14
Broadway	29
Leigh Gardens	10
Elm Road	11
Bonchurch Park	25
Adalia Crescent	11

Blatches Close	14
Olive Avenue	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>

PS HALLS presented the statistics in relation to Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).



## 2: Current Problems/information sharing

The Police and Partners were thanks for their contribution to the Eastwood Engagement day.

### Information Shared

#### *Drugs Activity*

- Eastwood Park (although Council are looking at CCTV options)
- Wells Avenue
- Junction Fairway and Eastwood Old Road West
- Eastwood Rise
- Bonchurch park – early evening
- Woodlands Centre
- Coombes Corner (Elmsleigh and Mountdale Gardens)
- Eastwood Old Road outside Byfords during the day
- Croft Close
- Belfairs Golf course
- Rochford Road near the Co-Op
- Eastwoodbury Crescent
- Manners Way

#### *ASB*

- Cycling on pavement especially Cinder Path, Old Legh. This was noted but in the current climate it would not be a priority for the police. The Community Safety Officers once accredited would be able to enforce, if in the area.
- Marine Estate – cycling on pavement/wheelies in the road
- Eastwoodbury Lane – Motor bikes and cars in the St Lawrence Car park. The residents were happy to lock/unlock any gate. Cllr Cowan will take this forward.

- Thames Drive/London Road – motor cyclists using the pavement to visit the shop, PCSO to visit.
- St Stephens Church – youths on the roof. *Street Engagement Team to be informed*
- Leigh Steps – Potential a cycling club riding down there at 7am on a Saturday morning
- Grand Drive/The Broadway – linked to the Broadway Grill
- Morrisons/Scott Park area
- Leigh Broadway
- Leigh Old Town

#### *Crime*

- Damage to vehicles Rayleigh Road (near Old Police Station)
- Brooklands Avenue – Damage to vehicles
- Adalia Crescent – theft from vehicles
- Bristol Road – theft of petrol from cars
- Reports of a lady in a Black BMW trying to steal cats in the Fairway area

#### *Speeding*

- Wells Avenue
- Leigh Hill

#### *Other*

- Parking – Cllr Cowan was dealing with parking issues in St Laurence Ward. There was a Council consultation ongoing in relation to parking solutions and traffic calming matter.
- Parking on the pavement. In Southend this is only illegal in certain situations (i.e pavement obstruction). There are further details at <https://www.essex.police.uk/ask-the-police/question/387/>

### **3: Set new priorities**

1: Burglary - Op Insight (especially St Lawrence Ward) (PCSO Hollands)

2: Eastwood Park (PCSO Holland)

3: Bonchurch Park(PCSO Fox)

4: Broadway, Leigh including Library Garden and Broadway Grill. (PCSO Fox)

*Patrols will continue across the area but the above will be the patrol locations that numbers be proved on at the next LCM. New information received during the next period will be acted upon and feedback provided.*

### **4: AOB**

Jon Gurel Community Safety Manager provided an update around his work. He can be contacted at [JonGurel@southend.gov.uk](mailto:JonGurel@southend.gov.uk).

### **5: Date of next meeting**

7pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Eastwood Evangelical Church, Leighfields Road, SS9 5NR

## Coffee with COPS

**Friday August 16 , 2019** 18:00 – 19:00

Holiday Inn Southend , 77 Eastwoodbury Cres, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6XG

**Sunday September, 2019** 15:00 – 16:00

Belfairs Woodland Centre, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 4LR

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 11:00-12:00**

Costa, Broadway, Leigh on Sea

## How can you help?

### Active Citizens

We are actively recruiting active citizens who really want to be involved in transforming their community. There are no set hours or days, you volunteer when you can. It's a great experience and brings positivity to your own area.



Active Citizens are volunteers in the community who help us to lower crime and the fear of crime by interacting with the public. They can get involved in a wide range of work to assist us:

- Help us run community days of action
- Patrol with local police officers and Police Community Support Officers
- Provide reassurance and crime prevention advice

<https://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/volunteers/active-citizens/>

### Special Constabulary

Special Constables are volunteer Police Officers. They have the same police powers, uniforms and equipment as regular Police Officers but sacrifice their free time on a voluntary basis, organising their busy personal lives, day jobs and other commitments around police duties. *It was mentioned that Leigh Town Council were trying to recruit five Special Constables for their area. There are still vacancies.*

<https://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary/>

The neighbourhood Police team are contactable via email.

[ian.hughes@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ian.hughes@essex.pnn.police.uk) Follow Inspector Hughes on twitter @InspectorIanHughes

**Don't forget your 9pm checks – windows, doors, car doors – make sure they are all locked**

**REMINDER:** Reports / updates of problems regarding rough sleepers should be communicated to ward councillors, to ensure that SBC is fully aware of situation. All reports of rough sleepers should be made via the national 'Streetlink' organisation, who act as the first point of contact for SBC.

**Don't forget** that requests for updates / information / answers should be Emailed to Simon Werrett at least 7 days prior to a meeting, to enable the necessary research to be undertaken and an appropriate response prepared.

**•••there have been recent burglaries where entry has been gained through insecure windows or doors. Don't make it easy for the burglar\*\*\*\***

## **REMINDER:**

### **Summer is here so**

- Make your home safe and secure by fitting 5 lever mortise locks on all external doors and secure locks on all other doors and windows.
- Install a burglar alarm.
- Lock and secure all windows and doors when you leave your home – take special care with UPVC doors (lift handle and lock door with key).
- Remove keys from locks and place them out of sight.
- Never leave tools or implements outside the property which thieves can use to forcibly enter your home.
- Use automatic light timers / sensors to make your property look occupied and consider leaving a radio on. This is especially important on the dark evenings.

### **Don't leave valuables on view in an unoccupied vehicle**

- Photograph and record serial numbers of valuable items (laptops, computer consoles, satellite navigation systems, TV's etc.), use an ultra violet marker pen to security code your property, to assist with later identification.
- Ensure that vehicle is locked / secure and that all valuable items are removed / hidden from view.

### **If you are fortunate to go away to even warmer (or colder) climates**

- Do not advertise that you are away – ask a trusted person to check on your property and remove mail. Cancel milk & newspaper deliveries. Ensure light timers and burglar / fire alarms are working.

### **Knock, Knock Who is there....**

- Suspect callers should never be admitted to your property – always check identification and if necessary verify with a telephone call to the agency concerned. If you are still concerned call for advice from friends / relatives / Police. Remember that opportunist burglars usually knock on doors to check whether the premises are occupied and may use an excuse by asking for a named person. If you are unsure close the door and ring for assistance.