

## Local Community Meeting (West)

Date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 Wards: Belfairs, Eastwood Park, Leigh, St Laurence, West Leigh

Location: Eastwood Baptist Church, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood.

*Attendees: Eighteen people were present.*

PS Knights introduced himself as the Community Policing Sergeant for the West wards. He can be contacted on [Martin.KnightsPc@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Martin.KnightsPc@essex.pnn.police.uk)

He outlined there had been several operations in relation to knife crime and burglaries across the borough. It was this targeted activity that had reduced the number of burglaries by 12 when compared to previous 2 months.

### 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	3	0	4	0	-1	0
West Leigh	2	0	6	4	-8	0
Belfairs	9	1	8	1	+1	0
St Laurence	2	1	5	1	-3	0
Eastwood	2	0	2	1	-1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-12</b>	

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

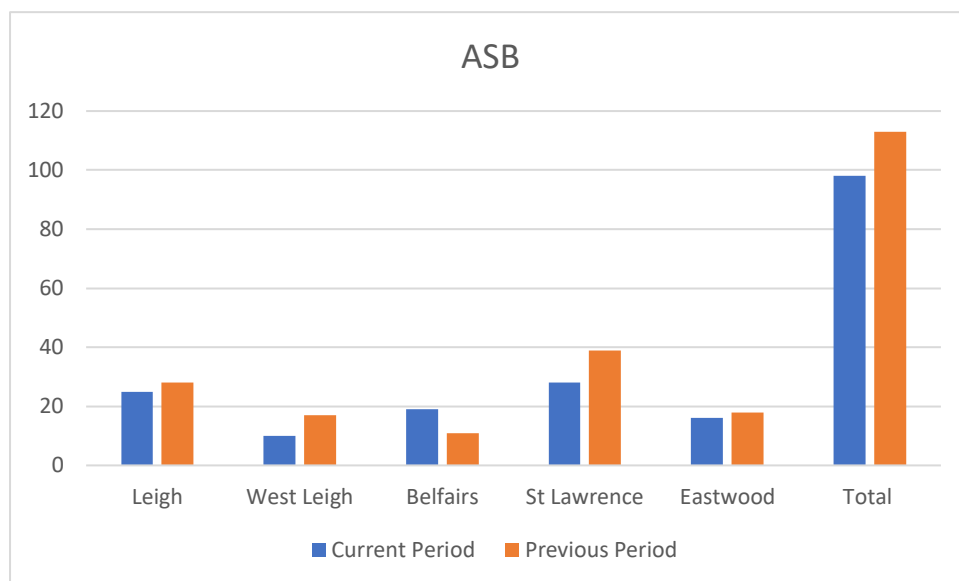
PS Knights provided an update on the substantial work his team has undertaken in relation to the objectives. He has set his team patrol objectives and was collating the figures. These were the occasions the officers had actually visited the location and conducted a patrol on foot or in a vehicle.

St Laurence	30
Western Approaches	32
Eastwood Road North	26
Eastwood Park	23
Beaver Towers	28
Hudson Road	27
East Rise	30
Bramble Road (since 27/2/19)	17
Broadway	50
Leigh Gardens	37
Elm Road	38
Bonchurch Park	48
Adalia Crescent	55

Blatches Close (since 30/3/19) 2

Total 443

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



## 2: Current Problems/information sharing

### Good News

- It was highlighted by a resident the good work that PCSO Hollands had done in response to drugs activity in the area
- It was highlighted by a resident the good work that PCSO COX had done in relation to organising and attending community meetings. It has been established that posters are put up in the location prior to the meetings.
- It was remarked that the new Southend Borough Council Community Safety Team had already been seen out in the area.

### Information Shared

#### Drugs Activity

- Eastwood Park/Hudson Crescent – still issues of drugs activity, although they had reduced. Patrols were seen frequently in the area.
- Alley Ways between Prince Avenue and Hampton Gardens ongoing drugs activity.
- Drugs activity was mentioned in Blatches Chase area.

#### ASB

- Baryta Court, Rectory Grove – general ASB
- North Street Car Park/Broadway – General ASB/Youths doing wheelie's
- St Lawrence Park – inconsiderate driving and ASB
- Morrison's car park. There were ongoing issues with ASB including inconsiderate driving and drugs activity. Morrisons had been approached by

the resident but appeared disinterested. There appeared to be CCTV overlooking the car park.

- Belfairs – there were two horse riders, mainly at weekend, on the golf course who were riding too fast and were abusive. PS Knights would speak to Ian Brown at the Council who was already aware of the issue.

#### *Crime*

- Vehicles had been broken into along the roads between Manners Way and Nestuda Way. An individual had been seen going and trying car doors.
- Belfairs – there was concern at the number of burglaries in the area.

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

1: Burglary - Op Insight

2: Increased visibility re drug dealing and anti-social behaviour at identified locations.

### **4: AOB**

Jon Gurel Community Safety Manager can be contacted at [JonGurel@southend.gov.uk](mailto:JonGurel@southend.gov.uk)

Insp Hughes sent his apologies but provided details around two new initiatives

*Key worker in custody* - targeting repeat offenders by identifying them and offering them a 8 week program. It was focused on providing positive activities (called project 360).

*Mental Health*. From July there would be a dedicated mental health worker working within the station with his team. They would be focusing on certain individuals and setting up care plans.

PS Knights said the new Neighbourhood Officer for Eastwood would be *PC Victoria Helbert*.

Please when you are attending the LCM's where there is parking provided, please use it. Residents have raised issues with cars parking in the street when there is a car park.

### **Coffee with COPS**

- **Thursday April 11, 2019** 10am - 11am Blenheim Community Centre, School Way, Southend-on-Sea, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 4HX
- **Tuesday April 23, 2019** 10am - 11am HARP Charity Shop, 309 Eastwood Rd N, Southend-on-Sea, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 4LT
- **Friday April 26, 2019** 12pm - 1pm Holiday Inn Southend ,77 Eastwoodbury Cres, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6XG

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

7pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the Highlands Methodist Church 1761 London Road SS9 2SR

## 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.

## **REMINDER:**

### **As Spring starts and the warmer weather arrives**

- 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 warmer 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.