



## **Cabinet Member Report for Community Safety**

**Northampton Borough Council**

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### **Community Safety**

Overall crime has increased by 4.2% (+783 crimes) since April 2015. Serious Acquisitive is showing a 1.2% decrease (-30 crimes). The primary performance issue relates to theft of motor vehicles, and more specifically motorcycles, which has risen by 27.7% since March 2015. Violence against the person has increased by 20.1% (+936 crimes). Anti-Social Behaviour continues to show a good reduction, decreasing by 12.1% (-1602 incidents) since April 2015 with personal Anti-Social Behaviour incidents reducing by 11.2% (-500 incidents), nuisance by 10.3% (-712 incidents) and environmental by 20.7% (-384 incidents).

Consultation is underway on the proposals for Public Spaces Protection Orders. Proposals see the re-draft of the Designated Public Places Order for drinking in the street and Dog Control orders. It is also consulting on proposals to manage busking, tackle street begging, flyposting, urinating in the street and the illegal sale of cars on public land. All feedback is welcomed and the questionnaire can be found on the NBC website.

There are a number of crime prevention events and operations planned leading up to Christmas. This will see events being held in some of the community hubs/rooms and also specific police operations targeting shoplifters and the night time economy.

The bi-annual Domestic Abuse Conference was held at the Park Inn on 18 November, themed 'Behind Closed Doors', focussing on domestic and sexual abuse. The event was extremely well attended, seeing over 250 people in attendance from a range of agencies across the county. During the following week an information stand was located in the One Stop Shop during Domestic Abuse Awareness week.

### **Forums**

November was a busy month for the forums supporting a range of events. The Youth Forum visited the Houses of Parliament and found it informative and valuable. The week of Action on Hate crime was supported with an event being held on the All Saints Piazza. An event was held in the Guildhall to commemorate 50 years of the Race Relations Act. Diwali was celebrated by a parade being held in the town centre and a community arts workshop being held with a range of agencies participating.

A ceremony in support of World Aids Day on 1 December 2015 was held in the courtyard of the Guildhall. A market place event was held in the One Stop Shop for International Day for People with Disabilities on 3 December 2015. This saw a range of voluntary organisations raising awareness and providing workshops.

Future events currently being planned are Holocaust Memorial Day in January and International Women's Day in March.

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