

# Newham Drugs and Crime Strategy 2005–2008

The Crime and Disorder Partnership is a group of organisations that are committed to working together to reduce crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and the impact these have on people's everyday lives.

## Our priorities...

### 1. Reducing anti-social behaviour

- Use prevention, interventions and enforcement action to reduce anti-social behaviour that:
  - targets individuals, groups or organisations
  - degrades local environment such as abandoned vehicles, graffiti, fly-tipping, litter, noise etc
- Prevents people from using public places like parks and open spaces
- Communicate effectively with the general public to reduce fear of anti-social behaviour

### 2. Community reassurance and fear of crime

To reassure the public through improved service delivery, response and communications that reduces the number of people who feel crime, disorder, drugs and anti-social behaviour impacts on their safety and quality of life

### 3. Reducing violent crime

(Domestic violence, alcohol related and street crime)  
To reduce violent crime and so increase people's feeling of safety in the home and on the streets of Newham

### 4. Reducing race hate crime

To maintain good community relations by dealing effectively with race hate crimes

### 5. Reducing key crime

To reduce the level of victimisation by targeting identified crimes (high volume and acquisitive crimes that affect a greater number of residents)

## Youth Offending

- The number of first time young offenders has reduced by 25% between April and December 2005
- Newham ranks tenth in London for the rate of young offenders despite 40% of our residents being under 25 years old compared to a London average of 31%.
- London Fire Brigade have delivered LIFE courses in Newham to improve the life skills and behaviour of 121 young people at risk of becoming arsonists

## Some of our successes so far...

### 1. Anti-Social Behaviour

- Successful prosecution of 96 traders who sold alcohol, tobacco and fireworks illegally to children
- More Police and PCSO (Police Community Support Officers) patrols in crime and ASB hotspots
- Youth Inclusion Support Panels (YISPs), contributing to the reduction of offending and ASB, from young people
- The issue of 18 ASBOs within 2005
- The issue of dispersal orders to areas where persistent crime and ASB has occurred
- High-tech CCTV cameras in more locations
- The removal of 4,224 untaxed or abandoned vehicles from Newham streets in 2005
- A 58% reduction in the number of abandoned vehicles that were set on fire in one year alone
- In six months alone, we took action against people 558 times for dumping rubbish on the streets
- Firm action was taken against more than 60 nuisance neighbours



### 2. Community Reassurance

- Over a 100 vulnerable premises targeted hardened
- A Safer Neighbourhood Team in every ward in Newham by April 2006
- Engaging with the community through:
  - Met Volunteer Programme
  - Met Special Constabulary
  - Volunteer Police Cadets
  - Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

### 3. Reducing Violent Crime

#### Tackling Domestic Violence

- The multi-agency Domestic Violence Forum, recording domestic violent incidents, collecting and analysing information, referring victims to the appropriate agencies for help
- Kidz Crew: An initiative aiming to protect and stop the cycle of violence for children and young people
- Chrysalis Project: A team who works with young perpetrators aged 12-17 years old who are violent or abusive to their siblings and parents

#### Street Crime

- Street Crime Roadshows, giving advice on crime prevention, property marking and useful contact details



### 4. Reducing Race Hate Crime

- 35.5% of 349 racial offences taken place between April '05–Feb '06 have been detected
- During the same period reported crime has been reduced, while more cases have been sent to court
- In 2005 we prosecuted 7 offenders in one area alone, for racially harrasing the staff and customers of a shop
- The CDRP produced a Race Hate Crime Directory for Communities in Newham in 2005
- The Police are consistently identifying one in three perpetrators of race hate crime

### 5. Reducing Key Crime

- Safe Car Campaign – raising awareness about vehicle crime prevention in Newham
- Operation Autumn – more police officers in the streets tackling street crime and robbery
- During Operation Autumn there was:
  - a 24% reduction in street robbery
  - a 14% reduction in burglary
  - a 41% reduction in street robbery in Canning Town alone
- Be Safe and Sound scheme – free home fire safety checks and smoke alarm installation carried out in Newham by the London Fire Brigade.

### Substance Misuse

- Specialist Substance Misuse Team (SSMT): a single point of contact service for residents who need support around their use.
- Community Drugs Team (CDT): working in partnership with SSMT to provide a rapid access to substitute prescribing for Drug Intervention Programme clients
- The closure of over 200 cannabis houses and over 16 crack houses in 2005

### Useful Numbers

- Anti-Social Behaviour Hotline: 0800 731 3300
- Police Control Room: 020 8534 1212 (24hrs)
- Newham Council's Contact Centre: 020 8430 2000
- Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
- Victim Support Newham: 020 8555 8254
- Victims and Witnesses Support Unit: 020 8217 5344
- Specialist Substance Misuse Team: 020 8221 6000
- Be Safe & Sound scheme 0800 028 44 28
- REIN Race Equality in Newham 020 7473 5349
- ELOP East London Out Project 020 8509 3898
- Talk to Frank – Drugs Information 0800 77 66 00
- Newham Domestic Violence Forum 020 8430 6500
- Hate Crimes – Newham police Community Safety Unit 020 7275 5889

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