



Stakeholders' Safer Neighbourhood Briefing Sheet

Issue 1

Twenty Neighbourhoods 'Go Live'

Twenty areas across the Milton Keynes Borough have now been signed off as live—which is ahead of schedule.

This means that the police and other agencies resources in all of these areas are now at a level where the consultation of the public and other stakeholders can start.

There are currently 10 Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) in operation and meeting on a regular basis to address the issues raised by their communities. These NAGs cover the Lakes Estate in Bletchley, Olney, Furzton and Shenley Lodge, Central MK and Campbell Park and Woughton South.



CSP, council & police consulting Stony Stratford residents

Over the last few months Central Bletchley and Industry, Denbigh and The Leys, New Bradwell and Stantonbury as well as Wolverton and Greenleys NAGs have also started to meet.

Lisa Emmanuel, Safer Neighbourhoods Project Manager for Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership, has hosted three training workshops for NAG members. About 45 people attended the sessions with positive feedback being received.

E-Newsletters

Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership is in the process of working with MK Web to design electronic newsletters for each Neighbourhood Action Group in the borough.

It is hoped that each of the NAGs, once up and running, will use the newsletter to update local residents on what issues have been highlighted in their area and what the agencies, other organisations and community representatives are doing to resolve them.

The E-Newsletters will be emailed out to local people as well as being available to read on MK Web as well as the Community Safety and Thames Valley Police's websites.

Watch this space to find out how to subscribe to your local newsletter.

Edison Square redevelopment

The Furzton and Shenley Lodge NAG is consulting with local people about plans to redevelop Edison Square.

The group recently held an event at Caroline Haslett School which has resulted in many positive links with the community, as well as raising the NAG's profile.

The Square had been identified as an issue by local residents and this concern is being addressed by the NAG—resulting in a really good example of Safer Neighbourhoods and multi-agency teamwork.

As a result a number of local people have volunteered to both design the new area and remain as 'Friends of Edison Square'.

Do you know the name of your bobby or PCSO?

Remember, if you want to find out who your local police officer and PCSO is or find out your community's main priorities (in areas where the public have been consulted) go to:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/mk

and click on the name of your estate.



Mini Motos - Report the nuisance riders

Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is appealing to local residents to help tackle nuisance riders on mini motorcycles (also known as mini-motos), by giving information about where and when offences take place.

The CSP is gathering information about who the offenders are and it wants the public to call in or email with details about any specific locations, times and days offences occur.



The CSP, police and local councils throughout the borough are receiving an increase of complaints from members of the public regarding people on mini motos, motorised scooters, go-peds or scrambler bikes. The law regarding all these forms of transport is the same as any other vehicle.

Mini motos can be great fun for riders, but if they are used inappropriately or in unsuitable locations they can cause problems, with complaints ranging from residents being disturbed to the environment being damaged.

Also, as some of these vehicles can reach speeds of up to 60 mph there are real risks to members of the public – particularly elderly people or young children who might not be able to get out of the way in time to avoid being hit by one.

Many people are not aware of the legislation which applies to motorised scooters and scramble bikes, which mean the only place you can use them is on private land with authority unless you have a driving licence, tax and insurance in order to ride them on roads and comply with other road traffic law.

Another warning to tenants in council estates; if anyone is caught to be riding a mini moto illegally or causing anti-social behaviour and they live in a council house the house owner of the mini moto will go through a series of processes including warnings which ultimately lead to an eviction of the property.

Milton Keynes CSP is asking members of the community to report all anti-social behaviour on mini moto by informing them of where and when they are creating a disturbance.

Chief Inspector Andy Standen, who sits on the Safer Neighbourhoods Delivery Group, said: “We work very closely with the communities and the councils and recently it has come to our attention that anti-social behaviour, often involving mini motos, is the biggest concern of local communities.



“As the summer holidays start we want to ensure community safety and we are appealing to the public to report all mini moto complaints to the dedicated email or phone number so that we can build intelligence needed.

“Once the information has been gathered an action plan can be put in place where we will proactively work in the communities, catch the offenders and if they do not have the correct paperwork the bike will be seized and crushed. There will be zero tolerance to all mini moto offences.”

People can email information to

mkminimotos@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

or they can call the action line on MK 254754.

Callers who don't want to leave a message on the action line can call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.

Project Manager's diary highlights

I attended the National Community Safety conference in Sheffield last month which provided a good opportunity to network and share good practice. I made several contacts which may prove useful - these include the Neighbourhood Management Team from Barnsley and the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Wrexham who are having success engaging with their Polish communities. There was also an interesting presentation at the conference on the introduction of a Asian women's Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Sheffield.

I was invited to give a presentation to the Extended Services Team at Milton Keynes Council. My presentation was well received and I have since been approached by individual team members interested in linking more closely when the NAGs are operating in their areas.

Lisa Emmanuel