

SEP Area Committee – March 2013

Neighbourhood Inspector: Inspector Phil Hatton

Area Statistics for: Sudell, Molyneux and Park:

	Jan-Feb 12	Jan-Feb 13	
ASB	140	146	6
Burglary Dwelling	41	43	2*
Theft of M/Veh	10	12	2
Criminal Damage	42	26	16
Burglary Other	31	19	12
Robbery	2	3	1
Theft From M/Veh	29	19	10
Hate Crime	1	0	1

* 2013 Burglary data includes 4 previously unrecorded from Oct '12

Year on Year Crime Patterns:

Pleasing improvements are shown in several key categories. Publicity and advice around vehicle security may have contributed to the 33% decrease in theft from motor vehicle. However, there are still a significant proportion of such offences in which cars are left insecure and valuables left on display. Similarly, of the 12 offences of theft 'of' motor vehicle, 8 involved the keys being left in the vehicles, several during early morning de-icing.

There are clearly opportunistic, mobile thieves operating force-wide on frosty mornings and this is subject of ongoing investigation.

Burglary dwelling patterns have changed even within this reporting period.

Early in the period the predominant M.O. was overnight car-key burglaries. A number of good arrests ensued – offenders from many parts of Merseyside being implicated & linked. More recently, there have been a number of evening burglaries, usually via the rear (insecure doors or using tools from sheds to force). These offences are a current priority.

Anti-social behaviour reports have been predominantly due to rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour in the locality of the Alt and Meadows public houses. A number of interventions have commenced with some of the youths involved; ABC's have been instigated and are being actively monitored. Extra attention is also being given to the areas.

Current Neighbourhood Run Initiatives:

- **Operation PUSH II** is an operation targeted at reducing the number of burglaries in the area. Neighbourhood staff conduct plain-clothes patrol in unmarked police vehicles during the times of reported burglaries. This is intelligence led using information researched by Police analysts. Neighbourhood PCSTO's conduct Operation Handle, which involves trying door handles of properties and vehicles and if found insecure the staff provide security advice. Offenders who have been arrested for offences in our area are also managed and targeted. SMARTWATER has been an enormous success and has been greatly

received by victims who are visited following a burglary and issued with the kit. It is also available at a discount for Homewatch members .

- Op Hammonton is a force-wide operation to combat travelling burglars. Maghull neighbourhood have successfully bid for additional resources. The SEP area is therefore currently being allocated extra Police resources: Mounted Police Officers, Roads Policing and Dog Patrols. Roads Policing Officers covered the main arterial routes and conducted vehicle stop checks of those travelling into SEP. The dog patrol Officers targeted the canal routes and mounted staff were used as a high visible patrol. Officers from these teams have already combined to pursue and arrest offenders in stolen vehicles. It is hoped that their presence also acts as a significant deterrent.
- Maghull Neighbourhood has also committed to an operation for the month of March to ensure that dedicated patrols will be in the key areas on late afternoons specifically to combat travelling criminals. These will be additional to core staff and will not be abstracted to other investigations. Sefton Command Team is supporting this operation.
- Neighbourhood staff continue to link in and work with their counterparts in our border Neighbourhoods of Bootle, Kirkby, Liverpool North, Lancashire. In doing this, they target known offenders; hotspot areas and share information and intelligence.
- **Operation VANTAGE** is a regional Operation planned for a week commencing 18th March. It aims to combat Domestic and Industrial level Cannabis Cultivation. The Operation consists of intensive operational activity, working alongside partner agencies to target and deter those who are engaging in cannabis cultivation. The operation is intended to send out a clear message to individuals that such incidents will not be tolerated and that they will be caught and brought to justice. Letter drops and preparatory activity have already begun.
- **SPOTLIGHT DAY** – will take place in Maghull on March 11th. Officers from Maghull, Sefton tactical team and taxi licensing will enforce roads policing issues.

Future Neighbourhood Meetings:

Have Your Say meetings:

- Friday 22nd March 2013 at 1830 hrs at Maghull Town Hall.
- Friday 28th June 2013 at 1830 hrs, Melling rate Payers Club, Waddicar Lane, Melling

Good news Stories:

- 6 males arrested in connection to 4 separate car key burglaries. One recalled to prison. 4 other males from L8, connected to Maghull burglaries have been arrested in relation to other serious offences and are in custody.
- 4 males were arrested in relation to a nuisance scrambler bike in Sefton Lane. The bike was also recovered and seized.
- An offender has been produced from Prison and been charged with burglary offence in the L10 area-he also admitted 5 other offences from October.
- A search warrant executed at an industrial unit in Kirkby uncovered car-breaking operation. 15 stolen vehicles and several stolen number plates recovered- several from our Neighbourhood. 2 males arrested to date.