

Hawick and Hermitage

Community Policing Plan Update 2015

Our focus. Your priorities.

This policing plan update will cover the priorities your community identified during our most recent consultation, outline what we have done over the past six months to address them and inform you of how we plan to continue addressing them throughout the year.

Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, to create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

We will work closely with our partners to find effective long-term solutions to the issues you raised.

Local Priorities

This plan sets out how we intend to deal with your priorities. You identified that the priorities for the Hawick and Hermitage area were:

1. Road Safety

You told us speeding motorists and other forms of antisocial driving were causing you concern.

2. Drug Dealing and Misuse

You told us that drug misuse and drug dealing was of concern.

3. Violent Crime

You told us of your concerns about violent crime.

4. Antisocial Behaviour

You told us you are concerned about general noise, rowdiness and the gathering of young people in particular locations.

We have acted on your concerns and are sure that you will see improvements in the Hawick and Hermitage area

Our actions carried out to date.

Road Safety

We have trained Community officers in the use of speed guns. They have used these to detect drivers for speeding whilst deterring other forms of anti social driving. We have held young driver education events to encourage safer and responsible driving.

Drug Dealing and Misuse

We have a team of officers who focus on this area of criminality. We have gathered intelligence and targeted drug dealers to reduce the availability of drugs in the area. We continue to deliver inputs at schools, highlighting the dangers of drug misuse.

Violent Crime

We will continue to work in close partnership with licensed premises and their staff to tackle issues of drunkenness and disorderly behaviour to reduce these types of incidents. A dedicated team of officers has been put in place to tackle robberies.

Antisocial Behaviour

We have carried out high visibility patrols with the aim of reducing disorder and delivering high levels of public reassurance. We have worked with partners to deal with unruly residents and taken proactive measures to combat their behaviour.

In addition to this, you can expect to see a number of other things happening in the next few weeks and months:

Road Safety

Officers will patrol in identified locations and carry out periodic road checks to positively influence driver behaviour. We will continue to educate drivers at every opportunity.

Drug Dealing and Misuse

We will remain visible in the community to develop intelligence on people who deal in and use controlled drugs. We will continue to work with our partners, combining education and enforcement strategies.

Violent Crime

We will continue to focus our patrols, targeting areas where violent crime has been reported and robustly deal with any person involved in this behaviour.

Antisocial Behaviour

We will continue to work in partnership with local housing associations to target those who persistently behave in an antisocial manner. We will make best use of Antisocial Behaviour Orders and the ASB team in our area.

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