

Our focus. Your priorities.

East Renfrewshire Local Problem Solving Team

This Multi Member Ward Plan update will outline the priorities your community identified during our most recent consultation and will inform you of the progress we have made in the first half of the year. It will also highlight further steps we plan to take throughout the rest of this year.

Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, to increase public reassurance within our community and to keep people safe.

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

Local Priorities

This update sets out how we intend to deal with your priorities. You identified that the priorities for the Neilston, Uplawmoor & Newton Mearns North area were:

1. Drunkenness and Antisocial Behaviour

You told us that antisocial behaviour including vandalism, rowdiness and graffiti was of concern. You also expressed concern about drunken behaviour.

2. Dishonesty

You told us of your concerns about housebreakings and other forms of theft, including thefts from motor vehicles.

3. Violent Crime

You told us that you were concerned by the level of assaults and other violent crimes in your community.

4. Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse

You told us of your concern about drug dealing and drug misuse and the negative impact these behaviours have in your community.

We have acted on your concerns and we are sure you will have seen some improvements in the Neilston, Uplawmoor & Newton Mearns North area.

Our actions carried out to date.

In terms of drunkenness and antisocial behaviour, we have deployed our officers to areas identified by the community as causing the greatest concern. With our partners we have been issuing warnings and reporting repeat offenders to the Procurator Fiscal.

We have patrolled in areas where thefts have occurred and we have provided crime prevention advice to residents and shopkeepers. We have used local intelligence to target known offenders and have brought them to justice through the Courts.

We have deployed officers in areas to prevent violent crime. We have used relevant legislation to engage with those suspected of carrying weapons and have proactively visited licensed premises giving cause for concern.

We have developed information provided by the community to target those engaged in selling and using controlled drugs. When offences have been detected we have shared information with partner agencies.

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

We will continue to deploy our officers to the areas of concern and engage with young people within our schools, to inform them of the impact drunkenness and antisocial behaviour has on the community.

We will continue to be visible in the community to prevent housebreakings and vehicle crimes. We will provide crime prevention advice and continue to use all methods available to detect offenders.

We will continue to visit licensed premises to ensure they are being run responsibly. Using current intelligence we will direct our resources to priority locations to detect those involved in violent behaviour.

We will continue to target those involved in dealing and using controlled drugs including 'legal highs'. We will work with our partners to share information and seek alternative ways of dealing with these issues.