

Local Community Meeting (West)

Date: Monday 3rd February 2020 Wards: Belfairs, Eastwood Park, Leigh, St Laurence, West Leigh

Location: Woodland Centre, Belfairs Park Eastwood Road North, SS9 3SH

Attendees: 15 people were present (5 councillors and 10 members of the public)

A/Insp Gardiner introduced himself. He can be contacted on david.gardiner@essex.police.uk. He explained Chief Insp Neil Pudney had been promoted and Ian Hughes is acting District Commander in his place, so A/Insp Gardiner is covering for Ian

A/Insp Gardiner spoke about a recent 12-day operation during which

- 69 arrests were made (variety of offences including drugs and robbery)
- Closure Order obtained on a flat in Southend
- 33 stop and accounts completed
- 9 persons arrested for driving under influence of drugs
- Seized large quantity of a variety drugs
- Weapons seized
- Knife arches deployed
- £7000 cash seized
- Additional 2300 operational hours in Southend Borough completed.

PS HALLS introduced himself as the Community Policing Sergeant for the West wards. He can be contacted on Matthew.Halls@essex.police.uk. PC Nicola Drake the new Neighbourhood Officer was introduced.

1: Review of previously agreed priorities

Op Insight/Burglary (period 02/12/19 - 03/02/20)

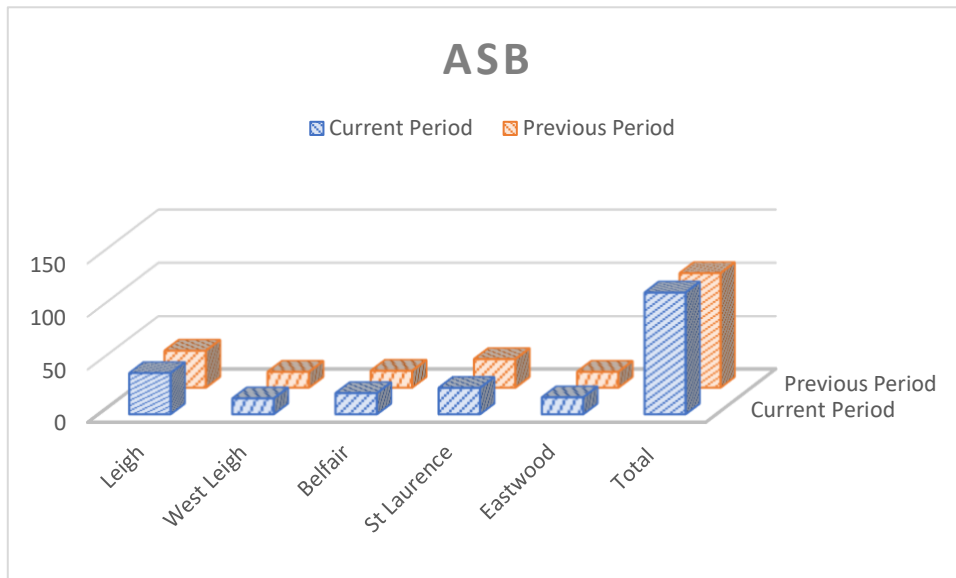
Ward	Burglary this period	Attempts this period	Burglary last period	Attempts last period	Difference	Solved Offences
Leigh	1	0	2	0	-1	1 filed
West Leigh	7	2	4	2	3	8 filed 1 under investigation
Belfairs	5	2	6	0	1	7 filed
St Laurence	8	0	7	2	-1	5 filed 3 under investigation
Eastwood	1	1	3	0	-1	1 filed 1 under investigation
Total	22	5	22	4	1	

Increased visibility re crime/ASB at identified locations (period 02/12/19 - 03/02/20)

PS HALLS provided an update on the nominated objectives.

Location	Number of Patrols
Eastwood Park (42/144445/19)	18
Broadway (inc Broadway Grill and Leigh Library Gardens) (42/1110414/19 and 42/144758/16)	36
Kent Elms Corner	24
Belfairs Park Drive	Closed
St Laurence Dwelling burglary patrols	27
TOTAL	105

PS HALLS presented the statistics in relation to Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) for (period 02/12/19 - 03/02/20)



Vehicle Crime

<p>Leigh – 14 offences <i>4 theft from M/V</i> <i>9 theft of M/V</i> <i>1 interference with M/V</i></p>	<p>West Leigh – 29 offences <i>10 theft from M/V</i> <i>7 theft of M/V</i> <i>12 interference with M/V</i></p>	<p>Belfairs – 16 offences <i>8 theft from M/V</i> <i>5 theft of M/V + (1 attempt)</i> <i>2 interference with M/V</i></p>
<p>St. Laurence – 12 offences <i>8 theft from M/V</i> <i>1 theft of M/V</i> <i>3 interference with M/V</i></p>		<p>Eastwood Park – 10 offences <i>5 theft from M/V</i> <i>4 theft of M/V</i> <i>1 interference with M/V</i></p>

PS Halls provided an update on a vehicle crime spike across the wards (*These figures were for this meeting only and will not be reproduced at future meetings*)

Vehicle includes all types of vehicles including coaches, vans, vans etc.

The Police are undertaking the following:

- Increased patrols in hotspot areas
- Media releases
- Cocooning in vulnerable areas over the next few weeks
- Crime prevention advice

There is no particular type of vehicle being targeted or modus operandi being used. It was suggested people use additional security to protect their vehicle.

2: Current Problems/information sharing

Information Shared

Thanks were expressed to the Police for

- Patrols around Byfords and other shops the drugs dealing had been reduced.
- Response to an incident in Manchester Drive,
- Patrols in Belfairs Park Drive.
- Increased presence Stephenson Road

Drugs Activity

- Marine Parade
- Coombs Corner
- Beaver Towers and nearby garages
- Eastwood Rise
- Shirley Road/Oakwood Avenue

ASB

- Marine Parade – people cycling up and down steps
- Belfairs Park Drive

Speeding

- Marine Parade
- Highlands Boulevard
- Eastwood Rise
- Elmsleigh Drive

Other

- Library Gardens – people trying to break into the garages (PCSO Fox to review)
- Lights on in Shannon Park, Belfairs Bowling Green and Woodland Centre (PC Drake reviewing)

3: Set new priorities

1: Burglary - Op Insight (St Laurence Ward – Ref: 42/161056/19) – PCSO Hollands

2: Burglary and motor vehicle Crime (West Leigh) – PCSO Fox

3: ASB Leigh Library and Broadway (Ref 42/110414/19 42/144758/16 – PCSO Fox

4: ASB Kent Elms (Ref 42/173753/19) – PCSO Hollands

Patrols will continue across the area but the above will be the patrol locations that numbers be proved on at the next LCM. New information received during the next period will be acted upon and feedback provided.

4: AOB

Jon Gurel Community Safety Manager gave an update on his teams work. Jon can be contacted at JonGurel@southend.gov.uk. They have a Twitter account [@Southend_CSP](https://twitter.com/Southend_CSP) and a website www.southendcsp.org.uk

5: Date of next meeting

7pm Monday 6th April 2020 at Eastwood Baptist Church, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, SS9 5PY

Remember

You can contact Crimestoppers (its all anonymous) either online <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or 0800 555 111

How can you help?

Active Citizens

We are actively recruiting active citizens who really want to be involved in transforming their community. There are no set hours or days, you volunteer when you can. It's a great experience and brings positivity to your own area.



Active Citizens are volunteers in the community who help us to lower crime and the fear of crime by interacting with the public. They can get involved in a wide range of work to assist us:

- Help us run community days of action
- Patrol with local police officers and Police Community Support Officers
- Provide reassurance and crime prevention advice

<https://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/volunteers/active-citizens/>

Special Constabulary

Special Constables are volunteer Police Officers. They have the same police powers, uniforms and equipment as regular Police Officers but sacrifice their free time on a voluntary basis, organising their busy personal lives, day jobs and other commitments around police duties. *It was mentioned that Leigh Town Council were trying to recruit five Special Constables for their area. There are still vacancies.*

<https://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/special-constabulary/>

The neighbourhood Police team are contactable via email.

ian.hughes@essex.police.uk Follow T/Chief Inspector Hughes on twitter @InspectorIanHughes

Don't forget your 9pm checks – windows, doors, car doors – make sure they are all locked

REMINDER: Reports / updates of problems regarding rough sleepers should be communicated to ward councillors, to ensure that SBC is fully aware of situation. All reports of rough sleepers should be made via the national 'Streetlink' organisation, who act as the first point of contact for SBC.

Don't forget that requests for updates / information / answers should be Emailed to Simon Werrett at least 7 days prior to a meeting, to enable the necessary research to be undertaken and an appropriate response prepared.

REMINDER:

Winter is here so

- Make your home safe and secure by fitting 5 lever mortise locks on all external doors and secure locks on all other doors and windows.
- Install a burglar alarm.
- Lock and secure all windows and doors when you leave your home – take special care with UPVC doors (lift handle and lock door with key).
- Remove keys from locks and place them out of sight.
- Never leave tools or implements outside the property which thieves can use to forcibly enter your home.
- Use automatic light timers / sensors to make your property look occupied and consider leaving a radio on. This is especially important on the dark evenings.

Don't leave valuables on view in an unoccupied vehicle

- Photograph and record serial numbers of valuable items (laptops, computer consoles, satellite navigation systems, TV's etc.), use an ultra violet marker pen to security code your property, to assist with later identification.
- Ensure that vehicle is locked / secure and that all valuable items are removed / hidden from view.

If you are fortunate to go away to even warmer (or colder) climates

- Do not advertise that you are away – ask a trusted person to check on your property and remove mail. Cancel milk & newspaper deliveries. Ensure light timers and burglar / fire alarms are working.

Knock, Knock Who is there....

- Suspect callers should never be admitted to your property – always check identification and if necessary, verify with a telephone call to the agency concerned. If you are still concerned call for advice from friends / relatives / Police. Remember that opportunist burglars usually knock on doors to check whether the premises are occupied and may use an excuse by asking for a named person. If you are unsure close the door and ring for assistance.

Ring, Ring, who is there.....

- Do not give your bank details or any personal details out over the phone or internet unless you are positive about who you are speaking to. People will ring up and say they are from BT, Utilities Company, Broadband Company and ask for your details. Do not ring them back on the number you are given, there will be a customer service number on their website (if they are genuine). Always ask for a reference number.