

Local Community Meeting (West)

Date: Monday 2nd December Wards: Belfairs, Eastwood Park, Leigh, St Laurence, West Leigh

Location: at Highlands Methodist Church, Sutherland Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PT

Attendees: 18 people were present.

PS HALLS introduced himself as the Community Policing Sergeant for the West wards. He can be contacted on Matthew.Halls@essex.police.uk

It was highlighted that Range Rovers and Fiat 500 Abarth are being specifically targeted and stolen. Please consider additional security.

1: Review of previously agreed priorities

Op Insight/Burglary (period 7/10/19 to 2/12/19)

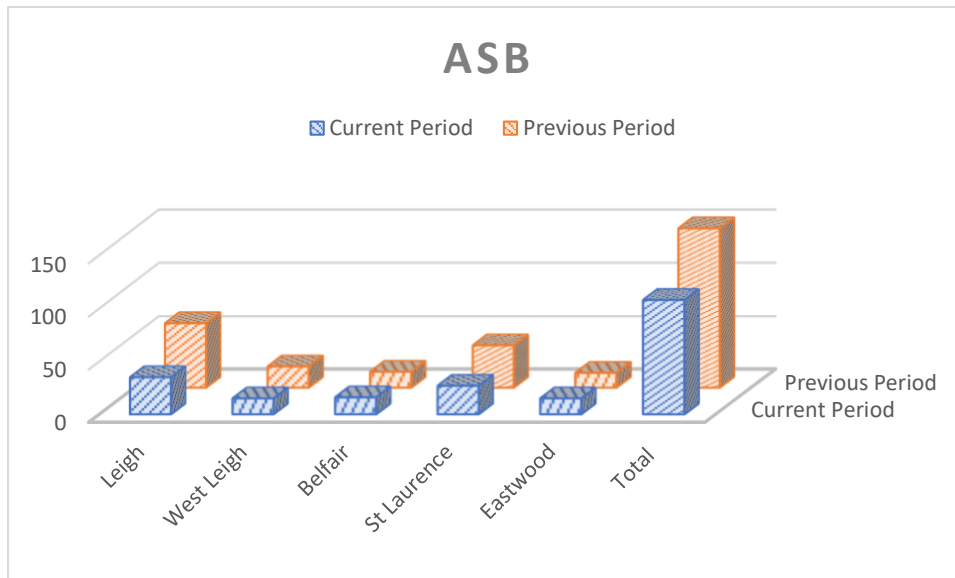
Ward	Burglary this period	Attempts this period	Burglary last period	Attempts last period	Difference	Solved Offences
Leigh	2	0	2	1	-1	1 filed
West Leigh	4	2	0	0	6	4 filed 2 under investigation
Belfairs	6	0	1	0	5	6 filed
St Laurence	7	2	14	0	-5	4 filed 5 under investigation
Eastwood	3	0	1	0	2	2 filed 1 under investigation
Total	22	4	18	1	7	

Increased visibility re crime/ASB at identified locations (period 7/10/19 to 2/12/19)

PS HALLS provided an update on the substantial work his team has undertaken in relation to the 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)	40
Kent Elms Corner	16
Belfairs Park Drive	24
St Laurence Dwelling burglary patrols	13
TOTAL	111

PS HALLS presented the statistics in relation to Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) for (period 7/10/19 to 2/12/19)



2: Current Problems/information sharing

Information Shared

Drugs Activity

- Woodlands Centre (up to 10pm) suggested by Councillor Stephen Ayling due to the outside lights being kept on.
- Byfords (Eastwood Old Road, Woodcutters, Coombes Corner)

ASB

- Belfairs School. The Community Police Team are aware and have a meeting arranged with the Head Teacher.

Traffic

- Mountdale Gardens, Eastwood Rd North – HGV and coaches parking on road overnight

Other

- Marine Estate – concern that people are ‘casing’ houses overnight

3: Set new priorities

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

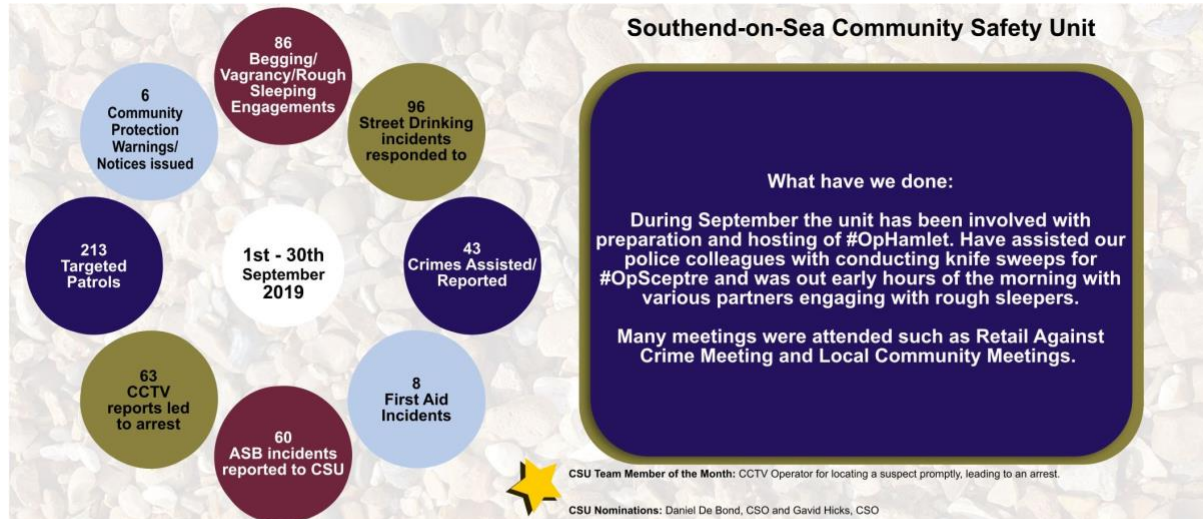
2: ASB Leigh Library and Broadway (Ref 42/110414/19 42/144758/16)

3: ASB Kent Elms (Ref 42/173753/19)

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

Lauren Barlow gave an update on behalf of Jon Gurel Community Safety Manager around the Community Safety Team's work. Jon can be contacted at JonGurel@southend.gov.uk. They have a Twitter account @Southend_CSP and a website www.southendcsp.org.uk



Janet (Street Engagement) provided an update around the work she had undertaken with young people

Dates for Diary

4pm 13th December – Lights switch on at Woodcutter Shops
10am onwards 16th January 2020 - Partnership Engagement Day, Broadway, Leigh.

5: Date of next meeting

7pm Monday 3rd February 2020 at Woodland Centre, Belfairs Park
Eastwood Road North, SS9 3SH

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 Inspector Hughes on twitter
[@InspectorIanHughes](https://twitter.com/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 your Christmas presents on display

Don't leave valuables or Christmas presents 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.