

## **WILLENHALL AND SHORT HEATH AREA PANEL**

### **Area Manager's Report**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform Elected Members for the Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within the local area.
- 1.2 Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership has a number of key priorities which have been identified through work with partner agencies, Walsall Intelligence Network and the local community.
- 1.3 The strategic priorities are:
  - Safer Walsall: Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities
  - Children and Young People: Improving safeguarding, learning and life chances for children and young people
  - Business and Jobs: Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work
  - Health and Well-Being: Improving health, including well-being and independence for older people
- 1.4 Partners involved includes: Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Unit, Youth Support Services, West Midlands Police, residents, Ward Councillors, Walsall Housing Group (WHG), West Midlands Probation Service, Walsall Intelligence Network, Environmental Health, Reassurance Team, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership, Public Health, Caldmoreaccord Housing Association, Walsall Voluntary Action, West Midlands Fire Service, Social Care and Inclusion, Area Family Support Team, Trading Standards, Community Development, Substance Matters, Willenhall CHART, Willenhall E-Act, Clean and Green, Sports and Leisure, Jobcentre Plus, Steps to Work, Welfare Rights, Walsall College, Holy Trinity Online Centre, Libraries

#### **2. Safer Walsall: Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities**

- 2.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour continues to be discussed at the Confidential Tasking Meetings in Willenhall chaired by the Area Manager. Various partner agencies are involved in the discussions and actions undertaken to support those affected by the issues.
- 2.2 Through the work of the police team, supported by local intelligence, they have been able to tackle crime in various locations.

If you see anyone or anything suspicious in your local community please call officers on 101. Always dial 999 if a crime is in progress.

Likewise if you have information on people or properties linked to the handling of stolen property please call officers or contact the independent charity Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

Crime prevention literature/flyers are available; please contact WS Partnerships [ws\\_partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ws_partnerships@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk),

### 2.3 Policing – Willenhall North & Short Heath

Recorded Crimes for June, July and August 2016 compared to June, July and August 2015 shows a 32.3% increase in Total Recorded Crime for Short Heath and Willenhall North.

Update from Police Sergeant 9125– Willenhall North and Short Heath Neighbourhood Harjinder Cheema

#### **New Invention Square.**

The problems with some youth who are causing ASB is being addressed.

Their behaviours is being disrupted, with 7 ABC contracts already issued and 1 more to be served.

These are all the main group and with the added time curfews, the issues on the Square should be drastically reduced.

Regular home curfew patrols are being conducted by the Police and youth appear to be abiding by the conditions.

In addition Mosquito alarm system well in progression with technician due to visit for check of location and costs.

#### **General overview of Short Heath and New Invention.**

At present there are a number of vehicle crime and burglary type offences being committed across the area and this is being addressed with Police high visibility and plain clothes patrols.

Residents are being given crime prevention advice as well as letter drops and additional police patrols are being carried out into the early hours of the morning.

### **Uninsured vehicle seizures**

From start of August to date Willenhall North and Short Heath Neighbourhood Teams have seized in excess of 15 vehicles from the area for not being insured and drivers have been reported for documentation offences.

In November, transition phase one takes place in West Midlands Police, which is the first stage of the restructuring of the service.

The direct impact of this is that Willenhall North, South and Short Heath will all merge as one big team, which will be lead by PS Cheema, who will cover the whole of Willenhall area and the neighbourhood team.

## **2.4 Policing - Willenhall South**

Recorded Crimes for June, July and August 2016 compared to June, July and August 2015 shows a 0.75% increase in Total Recorded Crime for Willenhall South.

### **Update from Police Sergeant 3544 – Willenhall South NHT Kelvin Rowlands**

Willenhall South Neighbourhood currently still reflects the same geographical boundary mirroring Walsall Council Willenhall South ward.

A statistical analysis review of total recorded crime for this beat between 1/9/15 and 31/8/16 is showing an increase of 3.9% compared with the same period last year.

Walsall borough shows an increase of 3.7% and we appear to be doing much better than Wolverhampton our neighbour which is showing an increase of 12.7% (force 9.7% increase Year to date).

Despite this disappointing update, I am pleased to provide some positive news in terms of the previously highlighted and well publicised spike in commercial

burglaries which impacted on the businesses and the town centre community during the early part of summer 2016.

As a result of increased patrols by the local Neighbourhood Team and investigation together with meticulous scrutiny of both statutory body and private CCTV cameras across Willenhall, a richer picture of offender's movements was obtained. As a direct result of this information officers from this team were able to make positive identifications of two offenders responsible.

I am pleased to report swift action resulted in two local males being arrested and charged with twenty six burglaries within the town centre. Both males were charged and were found guilty by court receiving custodial sentences for these offences.

In early July 2016, the team contributed towards the National Summer Police Drink Drive campaign, working in conjunction with enforcing the illegal use of the restricted road adjacent to the Gurdwara Sikh temple on Walsall Road. Twenty four vehicles were stopped and drivers breathalysed under the road traffic act. I am pleased to report that all drivers passed the test and there was no one arrested as part of this campaign.

In terms of Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) during the summer, the team have focused its attention towards a flat in Walsall Street, a location believed involved in the supply and consumption of illegal drugs.

Despite intelligence gathering, an application was made for a warrant under the misuse of drugs act to the courts, the team were unsuccessful in convincing magistrates to issue a warrant based on evidence provided.

We have attempted to secure both Police and Council based covert options with the aim of enriching our intelligence and have again been unsuccessful. We will remain focused and vigilant aiming to build a wider intelligence pattern here to target offending in the future.

On a more positive note, working in conjunction with WHG, we have been able to secure an civil injunction order against a family in Tyler Road who were causing ASB in the locality.

Despite the existence of the order the man at the address has breached the order, and has since been arrested by this team for the breaches.

The consequence was a night in custody and a threat of losing his home in the future, clearly sending out a positive message that ASB will not be tolerated locally.

The team are actively using the powers under the recently introduced Anti-Social Behaviour Act, and have served Community Protection Warning letters to two families in Gough Street and Lawrence Street, which if breached will see further enforcement proceeding taken against the offenders.

You may be aware that Lazer 20 in Upper Lichfield St., has been closed in the town centre. This is as a result of an on-going investigation into the grooming of children and instigated by this team following concerns for children linked to this business who had come to the attention of the team for other matters. Two officers from this team have been recommended for a police award for their swift intervention aimed at safeguarding local children. The enquiry is continuing under the banner of Operation Elm by other police departments. In the meantime the building is now for sale.

You may be aware that Ivydene Secure Unit, located off Noose Lane, was closed a couple of years ago and has now been sold and renovated. The unit now renamed Lakeside View Hospital and owned by partners in care.

The unit was reopened in September and when fully functional will house 21 female patients suffering mental health issues. We have been working with the company to put together emergency contingency plans and crime prevention measures for the new location to safeguard patients and staff.

The team have contributed to a number of local events during the summer giving us valuable engagement opportunities and to spread the safety and crime reduction messaging to our community. This has included attendance at the first Willenhall Transport Festival securing a Traffic Police car for the display, patrols during Willenhall in Bloom event, Fun day and bandstand events in the Memorial park.

During the summer term, PCSO's have given safety talks at our primary schools about ASB and the team have attended the summer fairs at both St Giles and Barcroft Schools.

## OVER VIEW OF WMP2020

WMP2020 is changing the face of policing right here in the West Midlands.

From the way in which the public contact the force to how we respond, investigate and prevent re-offending, this ambitious programme of work will radically overhaul all aspects of our business with people and technology at its heart.

Never before has West Midlands Police undergone such a major review.

Aspects of the programme are being delivered right now with more still to come.

WMP2020 is built on a blueprint created following extensive consultation with our workforce, our partners and the public.

The blueprint - unveiled on 15 March 2015 - looks at how our culture and values, our leadership, our technology, our services and our systems and processes all need to function as we move forward.

There are four fundamental principles to the blueprint which underpin the foundations of WMP2020:



- **Designed to listen and reassure** - adopting a new approach to working with the public, partners and each other
- **Geared to prevent harm** - preventing crime and offending before people can be harmed
- **Prepared to respond at pace** - adopting a more agile, mobile and effective response to problems in communities
- **Ready to learn and adapt** - becoming a more active and innovative learning organisation

We are working with our partner Accenture on the changes which are fundamental to us ensuring we are fit for the future and ready for any challenges we meet along the way.

The improvements made as part of WMP2020 are continually scrutinised internally and externally through the West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, Home Office and others.

#### LOCAL CHANGES:

The first wave of the WMP 2020 programme of changes will see operational officers gaining new IT equipment, which will improve efficiency in terms of recording offences and accessibility of police computer systems for officers out on the street with the individual issue of tablets. It will also see greater access to body worn CCTV camera systems to enhance evidence gathering.

28<sup>th</sup> November 2016, will see the first wave of changes comprising of a change to our 24 hour response based police cover, with this function leaving a Local Policing Unit (LPU) and becoming a force wide resource.

Our response cover will be based at Bloxwich upon the closure of Green Lane Police Station in Walsall.

In turn the LPU will be renamed Walsall Neighbourhood Policing Unit (NPU), and will carry forward the Neighbourhood policing function across Walsall borough.

How will this affect Willenhall Neighbourhood policing?

- Currently the structure sees two Neighbourhood policing teams following the local authority boundary model, with the North team covering Short Heath and New Invention and The South team covering the Town centre, Rosehill and Noose Estates.
- From November 2016, under the programme, the two teams will merge under the direction of one supervisor, unifying the service delivery across the whole of Willenhall. The establishment will consist of one sergeant, seven constables and seven PCSO's.

For those of you familiar with the officers of the current Willenhall South Team will see the departure of two prominent figures depart to other roles elsewhere within the organisation.

Both Sergeant Kelvin Rowlands and PC Wayne Morris will be departing the team to take up new postings in Bloxwich and the new unified Willenhall team will be headed by Sergeant Harj Cheema.

#### ESTATES:

The two Willenhall based teams currently work from the Police Station in John Street and as previously reported upon the completion of the refurbishment of Bloxwich the new Headquarters of the Walsall NPU, smaller stations such as Willenhall will be destined for closure.

The Willenhall team are currently listed to redeploy to Darlaston Police Station but no date has yet been confirmed for this move.

New technology introduction will mean there will be fewer requirements for operational neighbourhood officers to need a localised traditional base as they will have access to police systems within their issue tablets and community contact will be achieved via pop up contact opportunities and drop in events at other statutory and private premises.

#### Stronger Communities Fund

The Police and Crime Commissioner have launched a new Stronger Communities Fund.

The fund is for one-off grants of up to £2,000 to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, strengthen relationships with the police and empower /engage residents.

The Stronger Communities Fund replaces the previous OPCC Community Initiatives Fund (CIF).

To be successful, projects need to fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- improving community safety;
- responding to a community need;
- promoting partnership working;
- building stronger communities;
- engaging or empowering young people;
- supporting victims of crime.

The closing date for applications is Friday 7 October 2016.



Further information can be found at:

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/news/news-2016/good-causes-can-apply-for-community-grants-from-pcc/>

## 2.5 Willenhall Community Fire Station

### **Update from Mark Flanagan Station Commander – Willenhall Community Fire Station**

#### **Response**

Emergency incidents attended since January 2016 – 208 incidents

Emergency incidents attended June – August 2016 – 83 incidents, which included

- 9 accidental fires in the home.
- 4 related to cooking
- 3 due to faulty white goods, WMFS are actively monitoring white goods fires and reporting any trends to manufacturers.
- 1 due to smoking in the property
- 1 during roof repairs
- 1 arson fire in home
- A small rubbish fire in a derelict house
- 10 arson rubbish fires
- No trend or coloration between incidents
- Crews continue to educate school children, local clubs and have a targeted approach to drive down these incidents.
- 4 accidental fires in commercial premises
- Including 2 incidents where Fire Safety have attended and implemented improvements at the premises.
- 2 road traffic collisions
- 8 special service calls

#### **Prevention**

Our Firefighters have been actively involved in delivering safety messages in the local community. These activities have included;

- During Child Safety Week crews attended a number of events promoting Child Car Seat Safety and Road Safety. Over 50% of Child Seats are either the incorrect size or not fitted correctly.
- Crews attended Pool Hayes Primary School to open Karen's Memorial Garden, in memory of a Lunch Time supervisor who sadly passed away in December 2015. The garden was put together by local businesses and volunteers and white watch were asked to open it along with the deputy Major of Walsall.
- Willenhall station held its annual open day in August offering entertainment and demonstrations for members of the local community, also raising money for some worthwhile charities.
- Carried out Safe and Well visits in local area targeting the most venerable people in the community ensuring that they had working smoke alarms and aiding them to be safer, stronger and healthier.

### **Upcoming events**

Community Member Coffee Morning 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

- If you or someone you know would like to become a Community Member and receive a quarterly newsletter on the performance and activities undertaken by your local station please register at [www.WMFS.net](http://www.WMFS.net).
- Willenhall Station are holding a coffee morning where members can visit the station, meet the crews and view the range of equipment used by fire fighters.

### Further information from Area Partnerships:

Willenhall Fire Service Clarkes Lane held their Open Day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

There were various activities including bouncy castles, demonstrations in the Fire Education Centre and guided tours of the centre as well as limited access to the Emergency vehicles used by the Fire Service.

Home safety checks were also booked via the Fire Service.

Empowering U, an organisation that supports people with disabilities and additional needs were at the Fire Station. They were promoting local services and also enabling their Service Users to sell a number of products/items. The proceeds from the sales were kindly donated by Empowering U to the Fire Fighters chosen charity.

### **3. Children and Young People: Improving safeguarding, learning and life chances for children and young people**

3.1 Area Partnerships visited Willenhall E-Act and provided additional information to schools across the Willenhall & Short Heath on the diverse range of summer activities that was occurring in the borough before the summer holiday.

By working closely with Area Partnerships, Willenhall E-ACT has offered partners the unique opportunity of engaging with their students in Academy/curriculum time.

From the commencement of the new Academic term in September 2016 Willenhall E-ACT have re-worked their College timetables, to enable the students to engage in a range of other learning activities, linked to the overall strategic plans of the school.

The Academy are aiming to engage with a range of different services/partners and organisations to cover:

- Multi-skills: Life skills: Healthy activities
- Fun activities: Safety messages whilst in the community (tackling ASB/safeguarding etc)

This provides Partners with a unique chance to engage young people across the Willenhall & Short Heath area, but also across the wider borough.

Area Partnerships is working with WM Police to engage Pool Hayes Academy. The Police Liaison Team regularly attend the Academy and there are themes which are emerging which can be further supported across the partnerships.

The themes include tackling ASB, crime & disorder and links to citizenship.

3.2 Frank F Harrison, the Commissioned Youth Service for Willenhall & Short has been engaging a number of young people and delivered services across the area.

Frank F. Harrison has

- Engaged a number of young people
- Assisted in reducing ASB
- Provided positive activities for the young people
- Worked across agencies to support local initiatives

**Update report from Liam Perrens, Youth Coordinator, Frank F Harrison Community Association**

Frank F Harrison Community Association Commissioned Willenhall Youth Delivery.

The awarded Youth Contract was to start delivery for 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

The Contract was not sent out until the middle of June 2016 with changes being made to the Contract by the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 when it was returned to the council by Frank F.

Due to the lateness of the award of contract we spent June advertising, interviewing and employing new youth workers to complete the new contract.

In total we employed 13 new youth staff with 7 current youth staff also completing the staffing structure. Also we have employed a Youth Project Development Officer how will assist the Youth Coordinator in the planning, delivery and staffing of the youth sessions.

All youth Sessions started on the week starting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

In the Willenhall wards there are 4 sessions planned per ward per week.

These are delivered:-

- Willenhall North:- Monday 6pm till 9pm, Tuesday 6pm till 9pm, Wednesday 6pm till 9pm, Saturday 12pm till 3 pm
- Willenhall South:- Monday 6pm till 9pm, Tuesday 6pm till 9pm, Thursday 6pm till 9pm ,Friday 6pm till 9pm
- Short Heath:- Monday 6pm till 9pm, Wednesday 6pm till 9pm Thursday 6pm till 9pm, Friday 6pm till 9pm.

The Contract is made up of 33 weeks of delivery for 3 hours per session (includes set up time and debrief time per session).

The community association had a summer closedown of two weeks at the end of August 2016 where no youth sessions was carried out.

### Willenhall North

The youth team have completed 25 youth session in July to August 2016.

In July there was a large amount of youth engagement across the sessions with around 18 young people across the sessions.

One of our staff who works alongside the police on ASB patrols has had trouble developing relationships with many of the young people as she has had to attend the houses of the same young people that access the youth provision on the ASB patrols.

They have thought she is a Police Officer/social worker and called her a “grass” for a while. These relationships are being built back slowly with limited engagement by some of the older young people.

The team have offered activities to all young people however the activities seems to have engagement from the younger young people.

It seems that young people seem to hang out in New Invention Square and cause ASB. The staff team have required calling the police on one occasion in a 7 week period.

Staff team have delivered sports sessions, arts and crafts, educational classes & diversion activities away from the area.

Most of the highlighted group that are causing trouble have already been offered activities that seem not have worked and have also worked with other youth staff with limited improvement.

A Park Ranger has agreed to get a key for Harlech Road Park to allow for youth workers to complete session in the park where it is normally locked due to ASB.

### Willenhall South

Outreach session continues to be the most popular out of all the outreach session provisions offered by Frank F Harrison Community Association.

We have complete 25 outreach sessions in the Willenhall South in July to August.

While we have delivered in the area previously we have seen a drop in young people compared to last year.

We believe that the drop of number has been due to young people believing all youth sessions have finished as youth clubs have closed and a break in delivery such as June 2016, young people on holiday or weather implications.

However session carried out have included sports sessions, community walkabouts, giving information about the summer activities, water fight, paint bombs on to paper.

In the middle of July the youth team opened the Willenhall Memorial Park Pavilion to young people and made it in to a youth club average attend of young people have been 15 young people.

Staff have brought in table football, Table tennis, Arts and Crafts, Xbox, Films and also carried out educational sessions.

The Senior Youth Worker and the Youth Coordinator continues to attend the Friends of the Park meetings to give regular updates, partnership work and find out what is going on in the area.

Issues have been raised by the youth staff with young people accessing derelict buildings in the Willenhall town with signs of drug misuse being identified.

McDonald (fast food outlet) staff have been spoken with and they mentioned that ASB issues are mainly on Friday evening with youth staff attending the area on Fridays.

Safeguarding issues are being monitored in the park with young people playing Pokémon on their phones and them not knowing where they are going and meeting up with people they do not know, with one report of a phone being taken while they was playing the game walking around the park.

The Willenhall South Team have completed a Willenhall Park event which included Youth Club in the park.

Youth Staff transported activities from one of our other youth centres for young people to take part in. Activities included Pool table, Table tennis, jenga, connect four, arts and crafts.

Staff used this event to promote all youth activities being delivered in the Willenhall area. This has increased our numbers with young people being seen on sessions that engaged in the park event.

While completing outreach youth staff engaged with a group of young people that was playing football in a unacceptable location (street with cars and ball hitting a house) and after talking to some residents they decided to plan the inflatable football pitch.

This was moved location out of the ward and we required to team up with another commissioned team to inform young and deliver the football pitch. Over a 2.5 hours session we had 53 young people access the football pitch and talk to the staff however most of these young people we have not seen again due to the staff team do not cover that area also the amount of young people will not count towards out targets.

### Short Heath

There have been 27 sessions completed in this period with an average of 14 young people per session.

There are a constant number of male young people accessing the sessions. Young people have had the opportunity to request different activities they wish to be delivered.

They participated in sports, information & painting. The main activities of the period have been highlighting that we are around on the nights that we provide.

Lodge Farm, Short Heath – has been fairly quiet however has shown some issues around cannabis use by some older young people and conflict between older and younger young people.

The staff team have completed a Saturday Fire Service Open Day that helped to promote all the youth service provision across the Willenhall area. Staff spoke to 84 recorded parents about youth activities that we are delivering across the Willenhall area.

The staff team have also had a meeting with the local police team that have identify areas that may require youth engagement however there was only one area in Short Heath that should be looked at while the other areas of Willenhall being a issues such as Willenhall North on the New Invention area. Staff continue to visit shopkeepers to see if the youth team could work with them or if they have any issues with young people.

The Youth Team have highlighted that the youth provision being offered in the Short Heath area being the most difficult as in the area there aren't the normal hot spots of where young people hang out as in different wards (not W&SH).

For example there limited green spaces, parks, shopping precincts or other hang outs for young people. Young people that have accessed the provision have been younger young people or have travelled in to the area.

This has been mirrored with other teams meeting young people that live in the Short Heath area that have travelled out of the area.

### Plans

All Willenhall Teams are currently looking at the October half term programme with some team requesting to complete some day sessions due to weather and dark night closing in.

We are planning for youth teams to engage with young people and complete activities throughout the October half term and finish with a arts session at Willenhall Memorial Park to complete a graffiti project on the skate park. With the aim of engagement and young people having a identity with Willenhall.

We are currently still waiting for an answer for the use of the Council Youth Service Hopper vehicle. I understand that it is with legal to sort an Service Level Agreement (SLA) so we can use it.

The Youth Coordinator and Development Office will actively sort funding to increase premise costs and resources as we have little funds for this.

There has been a report of ASB from PCSO Webb in the area of Short Heath on Haley Street and Grenadier Street. The plan is for the youth team to attend the area and assess if they can be any engagement with young people into activities. They plan to deliver one evening per week in this area however will show a present in the location at some point of the session.

It has been identified that there are some issues of ASB in Wychbold Close in the area of Willenhall North. The plan is for the youth team to attend the area and assess if they can be any engagement with young people in to activities. They plan to deliver one evening per week in this area however will show a present in the location at some point of the session.

- 3.3 In January 2016 the Chief Constable held an initial community consultation to promote West Midlands Police's (Force) values, vision and ambitions. On the 18th October 2016 he will be holding the second session which will focus on Youth Engagement.

**Aims:**

- I. Develop consultation with young diverse members of the community
- II. To consult with community about Procedural Justice – the importance from West Midlands Police and its relevance to the community.
- III. Develop toolkit for future communications.

**How**

- I. At least one facilitated local focus group on each Local Policing Unit.
- II. Focus of sessions to be within priority areas.
- III. Sessions will take place in September – dates and time to be confirmed.
- IV. To ensure long engagement locally and with the Chief Constable– the groups to be linked to Active Citizen programmes and established Youth Community Groups – long term engagement.

He will focus on priority engagement groups – Black & Minority Ethnic in particular Black and Muslim males, Muslim females and Chinese ages 16 – 24 years.

**Timetable:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Initial meeting at Walsall Town Hall



- 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Conference with Chief Constable at Tally Ho to develop action plan.

This event is being supported by WMBC's Targeted Youth Work (Youth Services Team).

The Youth Service are working with West Midlands Police and Partners, and would like to include young people from the local area.

The information has been forwarded to Frank F Harrison for them to contact young people who may have an interest in being involved.

The information has also been sent to various partners, including local Academy's.

Please let any young people aged 16-24, especially Black and Minority Ethnic, who would be interested in being part of the Action Plan for policing with the Chief Constable.

The initial meeting is:

Venue: Walsall Town Hall

Time: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of October

Time: 6pm – 8pm, refreshments will be provided,

The meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> will be at Tally Ho, Birmingham and transport will be provided.

- 3.3 The teenage pregnancy rate in Walsall for Quarter 2- 2015 has again seen a reduction in conceptions.

The table below highlights that Walsall have had the highest reduction for this quarter in comparison to our neighbours within the West Midlands.

A number of areas have had significant increases.

Teenage Pregnancy Reduction Rates compared to West Mids. Neighbours

	June 15	March 15	Dec 14	Sept 14	June 14	March 14	% Change
Birmingham	28.6	27.6	25.2	24.0	21.7	26.2	<b>+31.8</b>

Coventry	31.0	31.0	30.0	29.7	32.6	42.8	<b>-4.9</b>
Dudley	26.5	23.7	33.8	26.3	24.2	32.9	<b>+9.5</b>
Sandwell	28.7	31.0	44.9	36.9	35.0	35.9	<b>-18.0</b>
Solihull	19.5	14.5	16.1	15.1	16.1	18.1	<b>+21.1</b>
<b>Walsall</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>-29.3</b>
Wolverhampton	34.1	25.2	28.7	25.0	28.6	36.6	<b>+19.2</b>

The success of this reduction is the continued investment and support across the Partnership, however Carol Williams, Teenage Pregnancy Operational Lead, highlights a particular evidenced based programme that has been hugely significant in supporting not only Walsall's reduction but that of other authority's.

Some our statistical neighbours also invest in this programme.

The table below is evidence of the impact '**Teens and Toddlers**' has made and shows a clear correlation of the investment in targeting vulnerable young people and hotspot schools.

	June 15	March 15	Dec 14	Sept 14	June 14	March 14	% change	Number of teens and toddlers programmes delivered
Bolton	28.2	29.2	23.0	19.8	26.8	25.5	<b>+5.2</b>	<b>2</b>
Manchester	30.7	32.4	27.8	34.6	33.4	34.3	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>6</b>
Oldham	17.2	25.9	34.0	23.9	47.1	34.1	<b>-63.5</b>	<b>16</b>
Rochdale	17.9	25.9	25.0	30.3	34.1	33.4	<b>-47.5</b>	<b>16</b>
Tameside	24.2	30.4	19.3	21.1	27.3	34.7	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Walsall</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>-29.3</b>	<b>8</b>

### Summary of Teens and Toddlers programme

Teens and Toddlers is an 18 week youth development programme that targets two sets of vulnerable children, young people spend one afternoon per week in intensive interaction with toddlers.

Teenagers at risk are selected by professionals working with them using a selection tool.

Teachers select Pre-school children who are identified as needing some additional support and attention.

In addition to the nursery time, classroom sessions are designed to support the young people to engage with the toddler while working towards a National Award in personal and social development (QCF entry level 3).

Teenagers are coached on how to communicate effectively with their selected toddler.

These activities increase the teenager's and toddler's confidence, interpersonal/communication skills and engagement with learning, hence targeting two sets of disadvantaged children at one time.

Research reveals Teens and Toddlers contribute towards influencing young people's aspirations, attainment and confidence to achieve their goals as well as reducing expectancy of NEET and teenage pregnancy.

The toddlers show a significantly greater improvement in four areas of development measured by the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile;

- I. Communication and language,

- II. Physical development,
- III. Understanding the world,
- IV. Expression and design compared to those not in the programme.

#### **4. Business and Jobs: Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work**

- 4.1. The Regeneration team for WMBC has been working within Willenhall & Short Heath to support local regeneration of businesses and to encourage individuals into work, amongst other developmental work.

The Regeneration Team have a number of projects in place to assist growth within Walsall.

A number of projects are specific for the Willenhall & Short Heath area.

These include:

- a. ESF funding which aims to tackle barriers, address low skills and engage hard to reach communities into employment.
- b. Development of more community based Employment Support within the defined area.
- c. Developing basic ICT skills for residents up to Level 2.
- d. Better engagement with schools to improve performance.
- e. Walsall Works encourage residents to engage in the programme.

The Regeneration Team support:

- Black Country Impact, which is now accepting referrals and working with clients to help them back into work. Steps to Work have organised some work to be carried out on their ESF project which will be in the local area.
- Further work with CHART to discuss Impact programme and Walsall Works and ensure access for general service users. CHART currently work with Steps to Work and WACC on a regular basis. Facilities include gym, evening classes and weekly lunch clubs for residents with mental health needs.
- Willenhall E-ACT Careers Day - planning and input into the day
- Willenhall E-ACT pupils and Pool Hayes pupils attending events to promote apprenticeships.
- Willenhall E-ACT being one of five schools to pilot 'Your Career Choices' day led by Walsall Education Business in partnership with Walsall Council, NHS, whg, Uni. of Wolv and Walsall College. Willenhall E-ACT are also looking to partner in the new Careers Enterprise Company.

The impact and benefits for the community will include:

- More residents being economically active
- improved lives and further the economy of Willenhall.
- Apprenticeships
- Improved destinations and post 16 outcomes for pupils at Pool Hayes, Willenhall E-ACT and St Thomas

4.2 Walsall Council and Jobcentre Plus will be hosting a Jobs Fair on Thursday 22 September at New Walsall College Sports and Enterprise Hub to help local people look for work.

- 50 employers will be promoting their vacancies so this is a great opportunity for clients to meet with them face-to-face and demonstrate enthusiasm and suitability.
- Jobs will be available in a diverse range of sectors, including customer service, administration, logistics, engineering and many more.

If you are interested in attending Register your attendance by either calling Walsall Works on **01922 654353**, email [walsallworks@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:walsallworks@walsall.gov.uk)

## **5.0 Health and Well-Being: Improving health, including well-being and independence for older people**

5.1 An event with Public Health called “Making Connections Walsall” is being planned for the local community and voluntary groups to attend.

The event covers Willenhall & Short Heath & Darlaston & Bentley.

There will be information/exhibition stands on the day, promoting various works occurring in the local areas & presentations by different agencies throughout the day.

Walsall Public Health is looking to invest in voluntary and community organisations to tackle loneliness and social isolation to improve the health and well-being of Walsall residents.

The event is at CHART, 19 Gomer Street, Willenhall, WV13 2NS

Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm includes a free lunch

The event will explain more about this new project, which is part of a wider project called Healthy Resilient Communities.

Attendees will learn how to:-

- get support for your community group
- help the people in your local community and help improve their quality of life
- hear about funding opportunities that your group can apply for
- register for Intend, the commissioning portal for local authority commissioned funding
- sign up to get regular information from our voluntary service organisation (Walsall Voluntary Action)
- add your events to the Community Living Directory
- support the Lifestyles / transport / diversity

5.2 Walsall Council is joining neighbouring authorities in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Sandwell by hosting a **'Love Your Neighbour'**.

The event, supported by faith leaders and joined by residents associations, councillors and community groups is intended to celebrate the diversity of Walsall and encourage people to get more in touch with their neighbours and to offer their help.

The festivities are scheduled to take place outside

- St Paul's The Crossing Church on the
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September,
- 11am until 3pm.

5.3 Willenhall Town Centre Partnerships

Willenhall Town Centre Partnership organised three day summer events in August 2016.

For the 3 days activities included:-

- Sand pit ; boating pool; Craft activities & Charity stalls
- Economic support for the local businesses
- Opportunities for police, NHS, WHG and other local services to interact with the local residence

Both events were free of charge to stall holders who were asked for a donation by the organising group towards future events.

**Other**

## **Network Rail – Rosehill**

Area Partnership had been in contact with Network Rail regarding the fly tipping that had occurred in Rosehill adjacent to the railway line. Jeanette Ingham, Community Relations Executive for Network Rail apologised for the delay in contacting Area Partnerships, however she identified that she has been notified that the rubbish and debris have now been cleared.

**For Summer activities visit the Best of Walsall web page:**

<https://www.thebestof.co.uk/newsletter/565ceb1365a8759e3c000162/web>

Further events can be found at <http://www.whatsonwalsall.co.uk/>

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