



COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 12 JULY 2021

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

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| Agenda Item 7 | OPERATION DODFORD
To receive an update report from Bedfordshire Police in respect of Operation Dodford, crime and antisocial behaviour for the period April – June 2021 (to follow) .
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| Agenda Item 11 | ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
To receive and consider a request for funding for activities for young people (information to follow).
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OPERATION DODFORD

Report April – June 2021

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Recorded Crime Rates

Crime Type	Crimes Per Day			Recorded Crime		
	01/04/20 to 28/06/20	01/04/21 to 28/06/21	% Change	01/04/20 to 28/06/20	01/04/21 to 28/06/21	Change
Violence with Injury	0.45	0.70	+55.0%	40	62	+22
Violence without Injury	0.79	0.94	+20.0%	70	84	+14
Stalking and Harassment	0.61	0.84	+38.9%	54	75	+21
Rape	0.07	0.04	-33.3%	6	4	-2
Other Sexual Offences	0.09	0.18	+100.0%	8	16	+8
Robbery	0.02	0.02	+0.0%	2	2	+0
Burglary - Residential	0.21	0.19	-10.5%	19	17	-2
Burglary - Other	0.21	0.09	-57.9%	19	8	-11
Vehicle Offences	0.40	0.40	+0.0%	36	36	+0
Theft from the Person	0.03	0.03	+0.0%	3	3	+0
Bicycle Theft	0.11	0.13	+20.0%	10	12	+2
Shoplifting	0.66	0.49	-25.4%	59	44	-15
Other Theft	0.49	0.53	+6.8%	44	47	+3
Arson	0.03	0.07	+100.0%	3	6	+3
Criminal Damage	0.55	0.60	+8.2%	49	53	+4
Trafficking of Drugs	0.00	0.03	n/a	0	3	+3
Possession of Drugs	0.11	0.04	-60.0%	10	4	-6
Possession of Weapons	0.03	0.04	+33.3%	3	4	+1
Public Order	0.92	0.63	-31.7%	82	56	-26
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	0.10	0.20	+100.0%	9	18	+9
Total	5.91	6.22	+5.3%	526	554	+28

Area Comparison – Force Wide

Crime Type	Crimes Per Day			Recorded Crime			Solved Crimes			Solved Crime Rate		
	01/04/20 to 28/06/20	01/04/21 to 28/06/21	% Change	01/04/20 to 28/06/20	01/04/21 to 28/06/21	Change	01/04/20 to 28/06/20	01/04/21 to 28/06/21	% Change	01/04/20 to 28/06/20	01/04/21 to 28/06/21	Change
Luton Borough	47.75	52.17	+9.2%	4250	4643	+393	609	560	-8.0%	14.3%	12.1%	-2.3%
Central Beds	39.83	41.84	+5.0%	3545	3724	+179	382	284	-25.7%	10.8%	7.6%	-3.1%
Bedford Borough	37.69	39.69	+5.3%	3354	3532	+178	476	452	-5.0%	14.2%	12.8%	-1.4%
Unknown Location	3.07	3.90	+27.1%	273	347	+74	86	65	-24.4%	31.5%	18.7%	-12.8%
Force Total	128.34	137.60	+7.2%	11422	12246	+824	1553	1361	-12.4%	13.6%	11.1%	-2.5%

Top Crime Scene Locations in the Selected Period

Location	Crimes in Period	Trend
Morrisons Supermarket Plc, Morrison, Filling Station, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1WS	16	
Pages Park, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4TG	8	

█, Nelson Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3EE	6	
█, Eagle Close, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AT	6	
109-113, Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, Waterdell, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3PL	6	
█ Nelson Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3EE	6	
█ Turnham Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4RS	5	
Oak Bank School, Sandy Lane, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3BE	5	
Vandyke Upper School & Community College, Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3DY	5	
Gilbert Inglefield Academy, Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3FU	5	

Anti-social behaviour April – June 2021

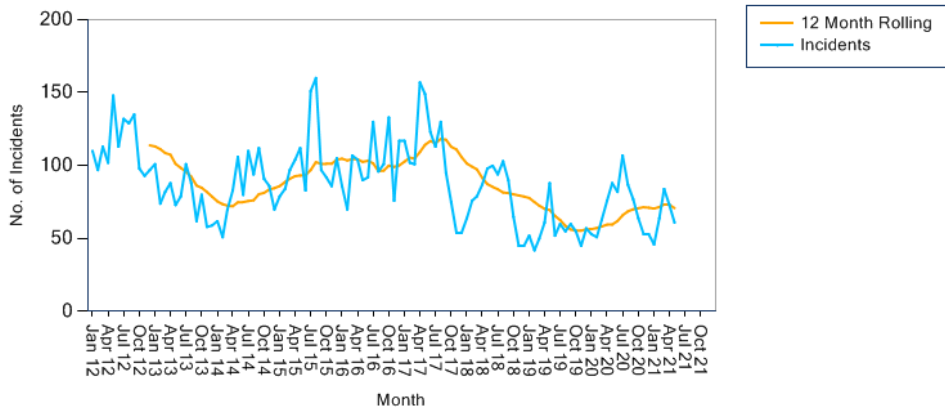
Closing Grouping	Incidents Per Day			Incidents		
	01/04/20 to 28/06/20	01/04/21 to 28/06/21	% Change	01/04/20 to 28/06/20	01/04/21 to 28/06/21	Change
Anti-Social Behaviour - Personal	0.3	0.4	+9.7%	31	34	+3
Anti-Social Behaviour - Nuisance	1.7	1.6	-2.0%	147	144	-3
Anti-Social Behaviour - Environmental	0.7	0.2	-69.4%	62	19	-43
Total	2.7	2.2	-17.9%	240	197	-43

Highest ASB demand locations:

01/04/2021 to 28/06/2021

Location Name	Incidents in Period	Trend
█, CEDARS WAY, LINSLADE, LU7 2PD	10	
MEADOW WAY, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 3XL	8	
█, ST MARYS WAY, LINSLADE, LU7 2RX	7	
█, BROAD RUSH GRE, LINSLADE, LU7 2XA	4	
█, BAKER ST, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 1BL	4	
█, BEECH GR, LINSLADE, LU7 2RY	4	
JOHNSON DR, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 4TP	4	
PAGES PARK, BILLINGTON RD, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 4TG	4	
WATERBORNE WK, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 1DT	4	
ASTRAL PARK, JOHNSON DR, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 4AY	4	

ASB Long Term Trend



Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2021/2022	73	61											197	98.50
Financial Year: 2020/2021	76	88	82	107	87	77	64	53	53	46	64	84	881	73.42
Financial Year: 2019/2020	61	88	52	60	55	60	55	45	57	53	51	63	700	58.33
Financial Year: 2018/2019	87	98	100	94	103	90	65	45	45	52	42	50	871	72.58
Financial Year: 2017/2018	157	149	123	113	130	95	75	54	54	64	76	79	1169	97.42
Financial Year: 2016/2017	104	90	92	130	96	101	133	76	117	117	102	101	1259	104.92

Dodford Results

Current tasking is weekly market day patrols on Tuesday and Saturdays (single PC or PCSO 09:00 – 17:00 to disrupt and detect anti-social behaviour.

Market day patrol intention

- Provide high visibility policing in the town centre and Market.
- Patrol the shops.
- Make licensed premises checks in the town centre.
- Monitor the taxi ranks, and deal with any offences.
- To seize alcohol and cigarettes from minors and alcohol in designated areas.
- Stop check younger children and enquire as to truancy.
- To ensure that the shoppers who come to the town centre and shop keepers and their staff feel safe whilst going about their business whilst deterring shoplifting in the retail establishments.
- To deter and move on street drinkers within the town centre area.
- To challenge and document antisocial behaviour and parking.
- To visit and patrol Parsons Rec & Pages Park to deter/ detect antisocial behaviour.
- **To assist with encouraging social distancing and help to ensure the current COVID guidance is adhered to and enforced.**

Total hours worked and outcomes

Month	Hours worked	Footbeat (hours)	Incidents Attended / of note	People stopped	Vehicles Stopped	Arrests
April 2021	67	54.5	<p>Known begging seen breaching an injunction. Statement completed for court file.</p> <p>Vaccination centre at the rugby club checked during shifts.</p> <p>Statement taken from W H SMITH in relation to local known street beggar for Injunction file.</p> <p>Street drinker approached and alcohol confiscated.</p> <p>Known shoplifter spoken to and moved on out of town centre.</p> <p>Multi storey car park checked regularly due to reports of nuisance youths causing anti-social behaviour and criminal damage at the top.</p> <p>Officer taken to hospital following a dog bite from local site in town centre. Tetanus jab administered. Dog seized.</p> <p>1 X Covid ticket issued. 5 X Covid warnings issued.</p>	12+	0	0

			<p>Cars moved on from double yellow lines in LAKE STREET.</p> <p>Injunction paperwork issued to local street beggar. Breaches now enforceable.</p> <p>GROVEBURY ROAD Retail park visited numerous times during the shifts and shops were walked around to provide high visibility presence.</p> <p>5 X intelligence submissions.</p> <p>Regular meets with Street Watch patrols to share information and intelligence.</p> <p>Members of the public reminded to wear face masks in shops.</p>			
May 2021	72	59.5	<p>Street beggar seen breaching injunction. Statement completed for breach file.</p> <p>Full market back open and all traders spoken to for reassurance.</p> <p>Known female shoplifter who has been entering shops actively looked for.</p> <p>Known male and female shoplifters in town. Had left scene on officer attendance.</p> <p>Vaccination centre at rugby club checked numerous times during shifts.</p> <p>Street drinker in town centre spoken to and advised. Moved off after market was closing down.</p> <p>Missing person located and returned home.</p> <p>Nuisance youth who had been causing lots of problems in the town centre issued a banning letter.</p> <p>Cars moved from LAKE STREET parked up on double yellow lines.</p> <p>Members of the public reminded to wear face masks in shops.</p> <p>Domestic incident between male and a female dealt with in LAKE STREET. Both reused details.</p> <p>Waitrose advised regarding leaving trolleys hanging around for youths to get hold of and cause anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Flyers handed out for e-scooters as have been causing problems in the town centre.</p> <p>GROVEBURY Retail park patrolled and shops visited during shifts.</p> <p>New street beggar moved out of town.</p> <p>Shoplifters identified after viewing CCTV footage of them in Superdrug.</p> <p>2 bags of stolen goods recovered from Poundland and returned to them. They did not wish to report.</p> <p>Found cash handed to officer and booked in to property.</p> <p>X5 intelligence submissions.</p>	15+	0	0

June 2021	64	56	<p>Known shoplifter stopped outside of Morrison's with stolen goods. Arrested and taken to custody.</p> <p>Cars moved from double yellow lines in LAKE STREET.</p> <p>Drunk female dealt with in the HIGH STREET. Refused a lift home but eventually left.</p> <p>Known beggar seen sitting in their usual place. Just waiting for a court date for a breach of injunction.</p> <p>FitBit watch found in the HIGH STREET and booked into property.</p> <p>All Saints Church grounds patrolled after intelligence of drug dealing occurring at the location.</p> <p>Wallet found in the HIGH STREET, returned to a very happy owner.</p> <p>Several members of the public requested to leave Poundland for not wearing a mask.</p> <p>GROVEBURY ROAD retail park visited numerous times for high visibility and reassurance.</p> <p>Clothing stores have suggested that shoplifting has seen a slight decrease but are still continuing. Officers have taken this on board and are patrolling as often as possible for visibility and deterrence.</p> <p>X4 Intelligence submissions.</p>	10+	0	1
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Additional information

The Criminal behaviour Order issued to the prolific shoplifter a few months ago has resulted in him staying away from the town and local shops have informed officers that they have not seen him for ages so this does appear to be working.

Waiting for court dates for 2 of the local street beggars and shoplifters. These dates are being chased up and hopefully now will not be too long. These are for breaches of injunction.

Shops and market traders back to full capacity after Covid restrictions were eased. Many shops and market traders are spoken to during the shifts for high visibility and reassurance.

Street Watch are proving to be worthy allies on market days and officers regularly meet up with them to share information and who to look out for. As are CCTV who are always on hand to assist.

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GROUNDWORK REPORT

Fusion Youth – March to July 2021

After the success of the summer diversion activities, Groundwork was funded by Leighton Linlade Town Council to deliver an additional bi-weekly night at Leighton Buzzard Youth Club. The aim of the project was to continue to build on the great work of the summer, providing a safe space and engaging activities for the most vulnerable and at-risk young people in the area. Groundwork had hoped to open the session named 'Fusion Youth', in January, but due to the lockdown over Christmas and New Year, the provision started in March and runs until August.

Publicity

Fusion Youth was promoted through a range of different mediums including the following;

- Outreach: Youth workers visited various 'hotspot' areas where young people were known to congregate, to advertise the provision and encourage users.
- Online: Groundwork promoted the opportunity online using Facebook and sharing with local pages and groups.
- Posters: Posters were displayed in local businesses and at the youth club.
- Professionals and partners: Groundwork regularly attends a range of multi-agency meetings including BRIF (building resilience in families), Locality meetings and contextual safeguarding meetings, where information was shared about the provision on offer and support provided to help young people and families engage.

Delivery

Groundwork offered a wide range of different activities to engage the young people, utilising both indoor and outdoor spaces to ensure the young people were Covid-19 safe. Activities offered included football, basketball, badminton, arts and crafts and DJ sessions and were based on the interests of those attending. The activities not only provided positive alternatives to ASB or hanging out in spaces where they were seen to be causing a disturbance, but offered a safe space for young people to open up about topics closest to their hearts; including home, school life, friendships and the impact of the pandemic. The opportunity to speak openly about these topics, either in groups or 121, provided the young people with a chance to offload their fears and worries, to

discuss and debate important topics and get advice and guidance. As a result, the young people grew in confidence and developed communication skills, making it easier to voice their views in a respectful way and manage conflict. Youth workers also saw an improvement in mental well-being, with the young people feeling relaxed and happy during the sessions and young people reported to be making more positive choices outside of the club, putting into practice the tools and strategies they learnt during the sessions. Many of the young people who attend 'Fusion Youth' also attended the various other project evenings delivered by Groundwork on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council, ensuring they young people had consistent youth provision throughout the week and a wide range of activities including mindfulness, 121 support and art therapy. Due to the Covid-19 regulations, Groundwork was unable to deliver any cooking sessions or prepare hot food, so as an alternative offered snacks, fruit, bottled water and juice, to ensure those attending had access to food and drink.

A number of the young people that accessed 'Fusion Youth' were known to early help and social care and therefore it was important to build strong trusting relationships with these individuals, not only to help manage on-going ASB issues in the town centre and wider locality, but to encourage them to engage with the various agencies working in the area. As the young people built trust in the youth workers, they also started to trust other agencies working with Groundwork, as they could see the positive work going on between the partners and how all the professionals were working together to provide for young people. CBC's safer community officers and police attended the sessions regularly, helping to break down the barriers and negative attitudes towards the police. During these visits, professionals were able to put a face to a name of those discussed at the contextual safeguarding meetings, ensuring that in future those at risk were known to the police and could be supported when needed. As a result of this work, the young people started to engage more with external agencies and Groundwork saw a positive change in the young people's behaviour and attitude towards criminal behaviour.

Partnership work

Groundwork worked with a number of outside organisations to inform young people on a variety of issues, inviting them to deliver workshops during the sessions. So far, the group has had visits from Boxing Saves Lives, Link to change, CBC safer community officers, the Police Education Officer to discuss 'one punch, two lives' and thanks to the support of Rachel Carne PCSO, an off-duty officer delivered a workshop on bike maintenance. Youth workers from Tactic spoke to members of the group to promote their youth voice group, alongside Young Healthwatch, who were recruiting for volunteers. Three young people are now volunteering for the charity and in the summer will help run 'don't stop the beat' CPR, peer on peer first aid training. Groundwork is supporting this initiative alongside Tactic and Young Healthwatch to encourage a large number of young people to attend the session and learn valuable life skills in first aid.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD FUSION YOUTH GROUP
 12 to 18 years (up to 25 years with an additional need or a disability).

Fusion Youth Group is a targeted youth session held two Thursday's a month.

Keep up to date with what's on via Facebook!
 Leighton Buzzard Youth Club

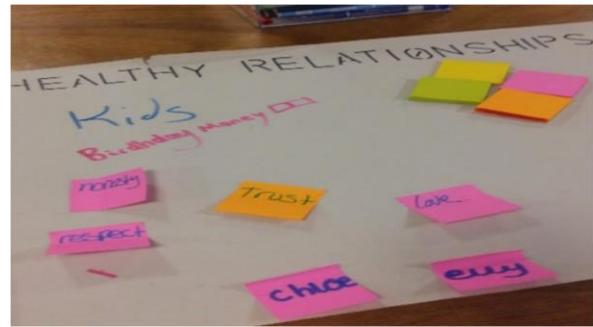
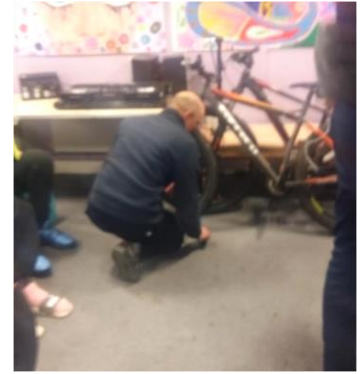
The group will offer a range of activities including sports, drama and arts and crafts.

Thursday 5pm - 7pm, Van Dyke Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 3FU

All sessions are invite only and follow Covid-19 health and safety procedures

For more information contact Stephen Swain on 07736132294 or email stephen.swain@groundwork.org.uk

LEIGHTON - LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
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Outputs

Two sessions monthly

Month	Females	Males
March 21	9	10
April 21	10	11
May 21	5	9
June 21	6	13

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