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LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN


HORLEY

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Local Community Action Plan for Horley - Youth Anti Social Behaviour

Welcome to the Local Community Action Plan for Horley. This is one of the first of this type of Plans developed in the Borough as part of a pilot project aimed at developing a better understanding of local needs and priorities.

We actively work towards the achievement of sustainable and thriving communities for the people who live and work in the Borough, based on the principles of self-reliance, personal responsibility and freedom of choice.

Horley and Salfords and Sidlow are unique in the borough in that they are Parished areas. This Plan has been developed by the local Borough, County and Town Councillors in conjunction with local stakeholders and is intended to support these principles.

We hope we have included some issues in the Plan that you will recognise and that you will agree with the actions recommended. However, this is a Plan that will be updated over time. We welcome your suggestions for change or improvement through the contact details provided below.

■ What is the purpose of a Local Community Action Plan?

The Borough Council contributes to the overall sense of wellbeing in the Borough through the provision of high quality, value for money public services, and undertakes projects and initiatives that improve the quality of life.

Councillors have been working with representatives of key organisations in the area to understand the problems and identify ways in which they might be tackled. The outcomes reflected in this Plan will lead to improvements that are of value to local people and that they will notice.

The information gathered from this process will be shared with other service providers, such as Surrey County Council, the Police and the Local Strategic Partnership to help inform service planning and delivery in the area and across the Borough.

■ How was the Plan developed?

This Plan has been developed over a period of 12 months. It has been a process involving interviews, attendance at meetings and presentations, workshops, research and survey work.

The Plan focuses on a single issue, that of youth anti social behaviour, and the majority of its content was informed by a 'multi agency group' that was established as part of the project.

The multi agency group was comprised of representatives of:

- Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
- Surrey County Council
- Horley Town Council
- Surrey Police

- Reigate & Banstead Housing Trust
- Horley Youth Council
- Horley Baptist Church
- Sussex Fire and Rescue
- Court Lodge Residents Association.

The attached Plan contains:

- A description of issues associated with the youth anti-social behaviour
- The background to how it was identified
- What actions are to be taken to improve the situation
- Who will lead and take responsibility for the actions to be taken
- The resources needed
- How long it will take to carry out the actions
- What will be different when the actions have been carried out

More detailed information regarding the community profile and the liaison and consultation processes used to develop this Plan are contained on the Borough Council website (www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk), along with information on the Borough Community Plan and the Borough Council's Corporate Plan.

■ **What happens next?**

It will be possible to carry out some of the actions within this Plan almost immediately, but others will take some time to deliver. The Community Liaison Team will monitor the Plan on an on-going basis. Progress will be reported back to the public by a number of ways including:

- The Reigate and Banstead website (www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk)
- Borough News

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Lack of local provision for young people

■ Background

- Although there is a range of social, leisure and sports provision available within the Horley area, the issue of a 'lack of provision' has been identified through a number of sources including one-to-one interviews with representatives from the Horley Youth Council, Oakwood School, the Police, Horley Town Council, Youth Development Service and local voluntary and community groups.
- As part of the work undertaken in developing this LCAP a youth questionnaire was distributed to pupils at Oakwood School. Over 500 completed questionnaires were returned and analysed. A report of the findings is included as annex 1.
- It is considered by the stakeholders that the level and range of current provision cannot meet the needs of the substantial youth population in Horley, many of whom find it very difficult to access provision in neighbouring areas.

■ Location(s)

- General within the area.

■ Action

Extend the range of provision available locally to further meet the needs of local young people by:

- Undertaking a comprehensive analysis of social, leisure and sports provision in the area and implement a promotional programme. The analysis will also help to inform the Local Development Plan and Leisure Review processes.
- Working to establishing the capacity to deliver regular activities through the Horely Young Peoples Event (HYPE) initiative. These may include a 'Youth Disco', a 'Band Night' or some other music based events at appropriate local venues.
- Researching transport links to neighbouring areas enabling young people to access available provision.
- Researching the potential to introduce and establish a Junior Warden scheme through RBHT in the Court Lodge estate.
- Investigating the most appropriate way to increase access to facilities for young people in the Hyperion Walk area.
- Supporting the existing youth facilities provided through the Keys Youth Centre, including Young Men's, Young Women's and Young Parent's Groups and future youth provision.

■ **Lead/Responsible Agency:** Horley Multi Agency Group

■ **Resource**

- £1,000 pump priming - Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
- Research current transport links – Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Surrey County Council Youth Development Service
- Review and detail current provision – Surrey County Council Youth Development Service, Horley Youth Council
- Reigate & Banstead Housing Trust
- Hyde Housing
- Lead by Surrey County Council Youth Development Service

■ **Timescale:** Short term - 3 to 6 months

■ **Outcome Measure / Reporting**

- Increase access to facilities for young people leading to a reduction in reported levels of anti-social behaviour to the Police from the 2004/05 benchmark.
- Feasibility of 'HYPE' concept established, and if successful outcomes reported.
- Available transport links for young people promoted. Usage monitored.
- Comprehensive listing of local provision available through a range of media.
- Feasibility of Junior Warden scheme established and if successful outcomes monitored.
- Continued access to existing provision to provide for and support local young people.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Managing truancy, exclusions and partial exclusions

■ Background

- The work of the Multi Agency Group. Currently it is difficult to co-ordinate initiatives to target young people truanting from school and to differentiate between those who are truanting from those who have been excluded from school.

■ Location(s)

- General.

■ Action

- Local schools, Police and Education Welfare Officer work together to target truancy and share information regarding absent and excluded pupils. This would allow for earlier intervention and encourage higher levels of attendance at school.
- Seek to spearhead best practice.

■ **Lead/Responsible Agency:** Schools

■ **Resource:** Youth Police Community Support and Education Welfare Officer time

■ **Timescale:** Ongoing

■ **Outcome Measure/Reporting:** Reduction in truancy from 2004/05. Evidence of intervention.

■ Background

- It has been identified that young people in Horley have 'easy' access to alcohol, with many obtaining it through their parents or guardians. The Multi Agency Group along with the Horley Youth Council have identified that, in some cases, there is a lack of parental guidance and responsibility in this area.

■ Location(s)

- General within this area

■ Action

- To undertake a publicity campaign locally to raise awareness amongst adults and highlighting the dangers of alcohol consumption to the young by
 - highlighting specific dangers around:
 - Health
 - Education
 - Crime.
 - This would be done via:
 - Posters, local radio, letters from schools and leaflets with young people taking the lead role.
 - Targetting adults purchasing alcohol on behalf of young people.

■ **Lead/Responsible Agency:** Horley Multi Agency Group

■ **Resource:** Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Reigate & Banstead Housing Trust, Horley Town Council, Horley Youth Council, Horley Learning Partnership, Surrey Police, Surrey Together, Trading Standards, Retail outlets

■ **Timescale:** 2005/2006

■ **Outcome Measure/Reporting:** Delivery of the campaign. Evidence of a change in attitude to the consumption of alcohol by young people.
Decrease in alcohol related incidents.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Awareness in younger children in the negative impact of anti social behaviour

■ Background

Members of the Horley Youth Council suggested, through the Multi Agency Group, that pupils in secondary education could act as role models to younger children as part of a systematic process throughout the primary and junior school years. They would highlight the dangers of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour from a personal perspective. This initiative could be targeted to those younger children identified as being most at risk and include parents and guardians/carers.

■ Location(s)

Schools in the Horley area.

■ Action

- Target an awareness campaign at children in primary and junior schools by:
 - At a local level giving presentations that are undertaken and delivered by students in Key Stage 4 at Oakwood School to all feeder school pupils. This would hopefully be written in as part of the National Curriculum in Personal Health and Social Education (PHSE) class.
 - As part of a borough wide initiative a series of hard-hitting presentations to schools, featuring an ex-offender.
 - Continuation of the Police Schools Liaison Officer activities.
 - The establishment of a 'Junior Warden' scheme.

■ **Lead/Responsible Agency:** Multi Agency Group

■ **Resource:**

- Head of Personal Health and Social Education, Oakwood School, Oakwood School pupils, Youth Police Community Support Office, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Reigate & Banstead Housing Trust, Horley Town Council, Horley Youth Council, Horley Learning Partnership
- Police Schools Liaison Officer
- Reigate and Banstead Housing Trust Area Warden

■ **Timescale:** 2006/2007

■ **Outcome Measure/Reporting:** Engagement in the process by school aged children across the age range.

■ **Background**

- Multi Agency Group, Horley Youth Council

■ **Location(s)**

General within the area

■ **Action**

- The Multi Agency Group to continue to meet on a regular basis at least three times per year. The focus of the groups work would be on identifying and overcoming any barriers that inhibit partnership working. This will be to share relevant information across the range of service providers and local groups to highlight issues of concern and target appropriate support or interventions.

■ **Lead/Responsible Agency:**

Multi Agency Group

■ **Resource:**

Participants time and accommodation

■ **Timescale:**

On-going

■ **Outcome Measure/Reporting:**

Local service providers target resources more efficiently to meet local needs

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Lack of awareness of the initiatives in place to address youth anti-social behaviour

■ Background

- A number of initiatives are in place at a local, borough and area level that are intended to address youth anti social behaviour, but of which there is a lack of awareness.

■ Location(s)

- General

■ Action

- Make the range of current arrangements more widely known at a stakeholder and community level. These include:
 - The Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) is a multi agency problem-solving officer group consisting of relevant agencies brought together to quickly address community safety issues which are caused by problem individuals, families or in areas of the community.
 - The Reigate and Banstead CIAG meets fortnightly. It is attended by Surrey Police, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council officers, Surrey County Council officers, both Primary Care Trusts, Fire Service, Youth Offending Team, Children's Services, Youth Development Service, social landlords including RB Housing Trust and other agencies as required.
 - Using the Surrey Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) to enable confidential information sharing, the CIAG operates to discuss and agree actions which aim to minimise the adverse impact of problem individuals and families upon the wider community.
 - Information for consideration at CIAG can only be forwarded through the participating organisations as much of what is discussed may be confidential.

Incidents in Horley can be reported to CIAG through the local Police Neighbourhood Specialist Officer or the Borough Community Safety Manager.

PC Ian Yeo – 01737 386425

Debbie Stitt – 01737 276305

- Surrey Together. This is an area wide initiative covering Reigate and Banstead, Tandridge and Mole valley. It brings together police officers, trading standards and youth advisers to work with young people and communities to tackle anti-social behaviour at a community level. The Surrey Together team is deployed by CIAG and works in designated areas for periods of two weeks at a time.
- Prevent and Deter Worker. The Prevent and Deter Worker operates within the borough. The focus of activity is on working closely, on a one-to-one basis, with young people who have come to the attention of CIAG and are considered to be at risk of engaging in criminal activity. The worker is tasked through CIAG.