
















Agenda Item No:18
 Safer Stockton Partnership
 4 August 2009

Please find below the list of press releases for the period from 5th June to the 24th July 2009. Copies of the full articles are available from the Community Safety Team.







DATE IN NEWS	MEDIA TYPE	ARTICLE TITLE	BRIEF DETAILS	SERVICES MENTIONED	
5 th June	Evening Gazette	'Step dad on stab charge'	A further hearing is scheduled for July 30 th for Kenneth Alan Blight, 50, accused of the attempted murder of 19-year old Andrew Nelson, in his home in Thornaby.	Police	
5 th June	Evening Gazette	'Don't pay on the door'	Police are warning residents of Stockton not to be duped into paying £2 for a security sticker which can be obtained from the police for free. The company called Dr Watchdog are targeting homes in Stockton, they are not endorsed by Stockton Police, Neighbourhood Watch or trading standards.	Police, SBC	




8 th June	Evening Gazette	'Police link up with pupils'	A joint venture between a school and neighbourhood policing team has been set up to improve relations between local police and youths. Grangefield School, in Stockton, has dedicated a room for the use of local officers during school hours and in the evening to provide links to the community and deter anti-social behaviour.	Police	
9 th June	Evening Gazette	'Teacher on eight child sex charges'	Neil Francis from Ingleby Barwick is on trial for allegedly touching three girls under 13 in a sexual way while in the classroom. He denies all eight charges.	Police	
9 th June	Evening Gazette	'Door to door charity scam warning'	Residents in Stockton have been warned not to be taken in by door to door collection scam. Several estates in Stockton received collection bags from people claiming to be acting on behalf of the Daisy Chain charity, despite the charity not operating a door to door system and received no proceeds. Residents are urged to contact Eddie Lincoln if they receive a bag or see a collection vehicle.	Police, SBC	
9 th June	Evening Gazette	'Drugs raid teens held'	Three teenagers were among those arrested during a police clampdown on suspected crack dens in Thornaby. Four people were arrested at different addresses and all four were arrested on suspicion of supplying class A drugs.	Police, SBC	

11 th June	Evening Gazette	'Old pub bites the dust'	A derelict eyesore pub in Stockton is being demolished after standing empty for years. The Roseworth pub, on Redhill Road, has become a magnet for vandalism after it closed in 2006; developers are demolishing the building to make way for 21 two- bed roomed apartments.	Police	
15 th June	The Northern Echo	'Helicopter drops in with a message to young people'	Pupils learned about the role of police helicopter after it paid them a flying visit. Cleveland Police's air operations unit touched down in the grounds of Oak Tree Primary School, Stockton, yesterday morning.	Police	
17 th June	Evening Gazette	'It's pathetic...why would anyone want to steal my scooter?'	Peter Morrison, who suffers from cerebral palsy from Stockton has slammed the 'pathetic thugs' who stole his mobility scooter. The scooter was taken from outside his flat on Sandport Walk in the early hours of Sunday morning.	Police	
19 th June	Evening Gazette	'Beware...you could REALLY get plastered'	Teesside hospitals are setting up a new database named the Cardiff Model to record details of every alcohol- related injury they deal with, helping police and licensing teams to crack down on drunken violence by identifying hotspots in town. The Cardiff Model is being implemented by Balance, the North-East Alcohol Office.	Police, Licensing	

19 th June	'Up 2 Speed'- NHS	'Success for Stockton as total crime rates fall'	The Safer Stockton Partnership engages in first class work from areas of the Council, Police and Fire authorities to maintain a high standard of service throughout the Borough. Crimes relating to such matters as; criminal damage, robbery and vehicle theft have all seen a dramatic decrease from previous years, and according to new recorded crime stats, Stockton is now officially the safest place to live in the Tees Valley, with a falling rate of 34% and 21.3% below the regional average.	SSP, Police	
23 rd June	The Northern Echo	'Shoplifter has town ban extended'	A prolific shoplifter has been banned from one town centres shops for another two years after breaking her criminal anti-social behaviour order (Crasbo). Theresa Helen Cook, 31, from Stockton, received a Crasbo in May 2007 as a result of numerous shop theft convictions and anti-social behaviour, which banned her from entering the town's Wellington Square and Castlegate Shopping centres for two years	ASB Team	
23 rd June	Evening Gazette	'Appeal for help after new outrage'	Yobs have targeted a newly rejuvenated park in Thornaby for the second time in just two months. Paint was thrown across the new play trail in Village Park, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.	SBC	

24 th June	Evening Gazette	'Five-year pub ban'	A man who attacked one of the UK's largest police horses has been hit with a five year Anti-Social Behaviour Order. The ASBO means Thomas William Oliver, 50, is now banned from entering pubs in Stockton and from causing alarm and distress.	ASB Team	
24 th June	Evening Gazette	'Knifeman given indefinite sentence'	A knifeman who cut a terrified youth mentor's face after robbing his laptop has been jailed indefinitely. Anthony James Metcalfe of Sidlaw Road, Billingham, must serve four years in prison before he can apply for parole.	Police	
30 th June	Evening Gazette	'Homes raided'	Suspected drug dealers in Stockton were given a wake-up call today as police carried out a series of early raids as part of operation Stockholm. So far a total of 33 people have been arrested.	Police	
3 rd July	Northern Echo	'Benefit fraudster is spared prison'	A man who committed a £16,000 benefit fraud over three-and-a-half years while employed as a council youth worker has been spared jail. Donald Smith carried on claiming income support despite finding work with Stockton Borough Council in 2003.	SBC	
7 th July	Evening Gazette	'Safer living in Stockton'	Stockton is officially the safest place to live in the Tees Valley, according to the latest crime figures. The Borough falls 21% below the regional average for recorded crime and a whopping 47% below Middlesbrough, taken from Cleveland Police statistics up to March is year.	SBC, Police	

10 th July	Evening Gazette	'ASBO' for drunken abuse'	A 22-year-old has been made the subject of a five-year Asbo following drunken behaviour in Stockton Town Centre. Teesside Magistrates Court granted the order against Paul Crawford from Easington Road Stockton, for public nuisance disorders.	ASB Team, Police	
13 th July	Northern Echo	'Police launch operation to curb street drinking'	Police in Stockton are launching an initiative to tackle street drinking and anti social behaviour. Operation Star will run throughout this month.	Police	
15 th July	Evening Gazette	'Booze police go on patrol'	Police have launched a summer crackdown on street drinking and drunken anti-social behaviour. Officers in Stockton are staging Operation Star, which will run throughout the rest of July.	Police	
17 th July	Evening Gazette	'Police in huge blitz on crime '	More than 350 police officers have launched a massive blitz on crime across Teesside. Operation Tornado will see officers in every district tackle everything from drug dealers and ASB to terrorism and organised crime.	Police	
17 th July	Evening Gazette	'Arsonist awaits fait'	Paul Durkin is behind bars awaiting sentence for setting alight to a home on Corfe Crescent, Billingham, on Thursday 16 th July.	Police	
20 th July	Evening Gazette	'Young dealers are locked up'	Three young men involved in the supply of Heroin have been locked up after a police sting operation. Christopher Hope,17, Carl Jobson, 19, and 20-year old Paul Wetherall kept addicts in Stockton supplied with the highly addictive illegal drug. Jobson and Wetherell were handed 18 months in a young offender's institute, while Hope was give a 12-month detention and training order.	Police	

21 st July	Evening Gazette	'Police target most wanted'	As part of Operation Tornado, police have drawn up a top 10 "most wanted" list of prolific offenders, and are now appealing for help in bringing them to justice. The list targets those responsible for repeat offending in Stockton, Billingham and Thornaby. Police will be sending out letters to residents to build up intelligence around the offenders.	Police	
21 st July	Evening Gazette	'Drunk dad spared jail'	Anthony Matthews, 43, Billingham has injured his daughter when he threw a glass in rage. He has been given a 24-month community order with supervision and a community domestic violence programme after he admitted the April 4 actual bodily harm assault.	Police	
21 st July	Evening Gazette	'£700k to aid crime fight'	The fight against youth crime in Stockton is being stepped up thanks to £700,000 in government funding. The YCAP is jointly funded by DCSF, Ministry of Justice and the Home Office. Over the next two years the money will be channelled by Stockton Council into a series of innovative schemes.	YCAP, SBC	

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