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| Corringham Public MeetingMonday 26th June 18.30 – 20.00pmCorringham Hall47 Springhouse Rd, Corringham, Stanford-le-Hope SS17 7QTParking on site |
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**Panel**

**PCC Roger Hirst**

**DPCC Jane Gardner**

**Ch/Insp Richard Baxter**

**Supt Andy Mariner**

**Jim Nicolson, Community Protection Manager**

**Local Councillors**

Councillor Deborah Huelin Corringham and Fobbing                       Conservative

Councillor Roy Jones         Stanford East and Corringham Town         UKIP (Attending)

Councillor Jack Duffin            Stanford East and Corringham Town         UKIP

Councillor Colin Churchman Stanford East and Corringham Town         Conservative

Aaron Watkins cannot make but has indicated he will try and get another councillor to attend. We know that Roy Jones will be there.

**You said we did**

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|  | **Issue** | **Action** | **Status** |
| **1** | Would like to have a public meeting to discuss local policing; previous meeting was to discuss LBC for Fire. | Pledged to return. | Complete |
| **2** | OPCC needs to communicate better with Corringham residents to attract them to future public meetings. | Name and contact details taken at last meeting to inform people of future meeting, meetings as well as displaying posters locally and media and social media activity used. | Complete |
| **3** | Lack of police presence in the area; understood why the Police Station had to close but residents keen to see Police using the Fire Station as a drop in space to demonstrate a physical presence. | Discuss with EP & ECFRS Estates. | This conversation has been had and will be implemented in the near future. |
| **4** | Gangs of youths in the town centre and ASB more generally. | Discuss ASB with Local Policing Team. | C.Insp Richard Baxter to Update |
| **5** | Lack of police response when called | Discuss ASB with Local Policing Team. | C.Insp Richard Baxter to Update |
| **6** | Residents complained about their experience on 101 as were left holding for 40 minutes  | Previously spoke about the investment that has been made through the rise of the Council Tax precept. Worth reiterating. | Action on-going |

**Recent issues**

**Racing**

Richard Baxter who is going to be there and will field the questions.

The case itself is being investigated and is progressing so there is only limited information we’ll be able to give. At a high level the illegal meet happened without the police having any intelligence on it soe they were caught on the hop a bit. Two traffic units were on the way when the call came in about the injury at which point a more substantial response was provided. The injured lady has obviously last part of her leg and there is a good deal of anger and upset in the community about the incident. The police received a few calls at the time but nothing substantial since. My feeling is that the community might be a bit more upset than the police realise.

Underlying this specific incident is a longer term problem of illegal racing meets in this area. Richard said that there is a multi-agency meeting planned for the next week or so that will look at how the various local agencies can work together to get better intelligence before these incidents happen and work to prevent them in the first place. While this looks like a positive first step it will be interesting to see how the community respond.

**T&G**

**TBC**

**Police Briefing – Local area profile**

Corringham is part of the Thurrock unitary district council. The town is predominantly encapsulated by two of the twenty Thurrock wards, Corringham and Fobbing and Stanford-le-Hope East and Corringham Town. Corringham is situated in the east of the borough of Thurrock and has, over time, come to be considered an area within the larger neighbouring town of Stanford-le-Hope. The population was recorded as 5,478 in the 2011 Census.

Stanford-le-Hope is a town within the unitary authority of Thurrock and unlike some other areas of Thurrock, Stanford-le-Hope is surrounded by countryside and farmland. The town is served by Stanford-le-Hope railway station and has a recorded population from the 2011 Census of 28,765.

Often known locally simply as Stanford, the town is home to many commuters working in London, thanks to its proximity to the capital and its rail connections. Until recently the town benefited from two refineries located on the nearby Thames - Shell Haven and Coryton. Both have now closed, the Shell site ceased operating in 1999 and has now been redeveloped by Dubai Ports as a deep water container port with attendant logistics and commercial development. Coryton refinery ceased to operate in 2013, demolition of the process units continues and the site is now under redevelopment as a Fuels Storage and Distribution Terminal.

As Stanford-le-Hope grows in size, it has started to incorporate neighbouring settlements such as Corringham, Mucking and Fobbing.

Both Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope have a notably higher proportion of privately owned/rented households in caparison to the majority of other wards in the Thurrock district and there are less council owned premises located within the two towns when also compared to others within Thurrock.

**Places of Interest**

Dubai Ports World

London Gateway is located on the former Shell Haven site in Thurrock, Essex. The 1,500 acre (6.1 sq. km) site is a former oil refinery, which closed in 1999. However, the site has been used as a port since the 16th century. Dubai Ports World (DP World) received government approval in May 2007 for the development of the London Gateway and was also given the go-ahead for construction of the port. Work started in February 2010.

DP World is planning to invest over £1.5bn to develop the project over a 10-15 year development period. It predicts that London Gateway will deliver about 12,000 new direct jobs, benefit the local and regional economy, and assist the government’s Thames Gateway regeneration initiative. In addition, there will be over 30,000 indirect jobs.

The jurisdiction of the new port will remain with Essex Police and already communications are underway to establish and forge good working relationships.

To address the increased vehicular movements to and from the port, there have been significant infrastructure changes, including extensive road improvement works around the junction of the A13 and the A1014 (Manor Way) amongst other developments.

Dubai Ports World is the newest of container ports in Thurrock, with another being the port of Tilbury. This port, managed by Forth Ports, has its own police force which regularly works alongside Essex Police by way of collaborative operations and multi-agency meetings.

**Policing Structure and Resources**

Grays Police Station

Grays Police Station is open seven days a week, from 9am to 5pm. The following functions operate from the police station:

* 24/7 Local Policing Teams;
* Criminal Investigations Department (CID);
* Juno Domestic Abuse Investigation Team, the Child Abuse Investigation Team (CAIT) and the Adult Sexual Abuse Investigation Team (ASAIT);
* Custody;
* Front Office;
* Special Constabulary (aligned to Local Policing Teams);
* Crime Scene Investigation;
* The Community Safety Hub comprising an Inspector, Crime Reduction Officer, Essex Watch Officer, ASB Officer, Licensing Officer, Missing Person Liaison Officer and two Children and Young Persons Police Officers.

Local Policing Teams (LPTs) were formed in September 2014 with the amalgamation of Neighbourhood Crime Teams and Response and Policing Teams. This was echoed elsewhere across the county. These teams operate a 24/7 policing function and patrol/respond to incidents throughout the entire Thurrock district inclusive of Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope. Each team is managed by an Inspector and either one or two Sergeants who supervise a number of Constables per team.

The LPTs have responsibility for attending emergency, priority and routine graded incidents as well as road traffic collisions and other policing incidents. They also have responsibility for the investigation of volume crime, crime reduction and general policing duties.

Tilbury Police Station

* POLIT: Police On-line Investigation Team
* Front Office closed on 31/03/2016

South Ockendon Police Station

* Community Policing Team
* Front Office closed on 31/03/2016

Lakeside Police Lodge

* Community Policing Team for Lakeside

Corringham Police Station

This police station was closed in October 2011 and this is a cause for concern to local residents. It is no longer staffed and does not have a front office capability.

The Thurrock Council Youth Offending Service was operating out of this building until March this year. The building has now been vacated and is up for sale.

Community Policing

The Community Policing Team, which is currently based at South Ockendon Police Station, works closely with community partners to promote a cohesive and joined up work approach. The Community Policing Team deploys and is responsible for the entire Thurrock district inclusive of Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope and each area has a dedicated Neighbourhood Constable and Police Community Support Officer. The team manages and solves community policing issues, cases of high harm anti-social behaviour and hate crime as well as supporting Thurrock Community Safety Partnership priorities.

The team comprises of two Sergeants, nine Police Constables, eleven Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and five Special Constables. The Community Policing Team is supported by the Volunteer Police Cadets and Active Citizens who conduct activities that are appropriate for their roles.

Each volunteer group has different roles and attributes but they all support the community policing of the entire Thurrock district by attending events, conducting patrols and participating in specialist operations.

The Community Policing Team is managed by the Community Policing Inspector who also oversees the operation of the Community Safety Hub. The team works collaboratively on a daily basis with partner agencies, including Thurrock Council, the Youth Offending Service and the Essex Fire and Rescue Service to address community safety issues. The team has successfully trialled and become the force lead in locally based Facebook pages. As a result, other policing districts in Essex are looking to implement Facebook pages if they haven’t already, as these provide a great opportunity for interaction with members of the public.

**Community Concerns and Media**

The main concern raised by residents of Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope is that, since the removal of police officers from Corringham Police Station, they are some distance from both the main police stations located at Grays and Basildon and Corringham Police Station has not been used as a base for frontline police resources since approximately 2011.

In relation to specific community concerns about policing Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope – the locations are regarded as reasonably affluent areas and some community concerns relate to these locations being targeted for acquisitive crimes, i.e. burglary, vehicle crime and theft.

Another community concern is in relation to youth orientated anti-social behaviour (ASB). A main focus for these concerns have habitually (although not exclusively) been Corringham town centre and Hardie Park in Stanford-le-Hope.

In the past six months there have also been a number of violent incidents, one of which peaked significant media interest and occurred in Hardie Park. The incident involved a young male under the age of 16 being attacked by four males who kicked and stamped on his head, causing grievous bodily harm (GBH). The suspects were interviewed and three of the males received youth cautions for their involvement in the incident. Community Policing Teams are working closely with CID, Licensing (Essex Police and Thurrock Council) and other appropriate agencies to investigate these offences as well as address prevention and reduction matters.

Recently, boy racers and motorcyclists have been attending the Manorway in Corringham, Stanford-le-Hope and causing a nuisance. Officers have been deployed and have issued various tickets.

Horse and Trap Racing

In July 2016, there was an incident whereby 300+ travellers descended on the Manorway in Stanford-le-Hope, Corringham, for a Horse and Trap racing event which the travellers had organised themselves. The event lasted for two days and brought the local road network to a standstill and also caused issues for various local businesses. Further to this the travellers also created an unauthorised encampment locally to attend the event and this caused further community tensions.

The decision was made by policing command teams to allow the event to happen, due to the sheer numbers of travellers in attendance, but with the police manning road closures.

Horse and Trap racing has been occurring at this location for 30+ years and is regarded as a tradition by the travelling community who travel from far and wide for the event dubbed ‘King of the Road’. Travellers use the location due to the fact that it’s the only flat one mile road of its type in England.

The police have explored various other locations as an alternative; however none are a viable solution. Various meetings have been held with Highways and the Essex Police Casualty Reduction team to suggest changes to the layout of the road which might deter travellers using the location, for example, cattle grids and chicanes. Unfortunately, due to the high traffic flow of heavy goods vehicles travelling to and from the port, and costs, these cannot be used. Instead, the council have opted for a traffic prohibition notice, which prohibits the use of horse and carts on Manorway.

Off Road Nuisance Bikes

Operation Sacrifice was created locally by the Thurrock Community Policing Team to tackle the issue of off road nuisance bikes. There currently appears to be a problem with adults and youths riding off road bikes dangerously, on footpaths and off road causing numerous complaints from landowners and residents. Given that Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope are predominantly surrounded by farmland, these areas have attracted this type of anti-social behaviour. Landowners have regularly complained to the police regarding these types of incidents. Various meetings have been held with landowners and advice given in regards to target hardening and making their land less attractive to these groups. Doing so has resolved a lot of the problems for landowners.

This is an ongoing operation; although it has not yet stopped the issue it has made this type of anti-social behaviour a lot more difficult for the riders. Local officers are appealing to members of the public to identify the riders and report who they are in order that the police can take appropriate action.

**Stanford-le-Hope/Corringham/Fobbing Performance Data**

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The table below sets out the crime figures for Corringham, comparing reports for 1st June 2016 to 31st May 2017 with 1st June 2015 to 31st May 2016 for the Corringham area and the force.

**Areas of note for Corringham:**

* All Crime has increased by 9.4% (84 more offences);
* Violence without Injury has increased by 29.4% (37 more offences);
* Shoplifting has increased by 78.8% (41 more offences);
* Violence with Injury has decreased by 23.7% (23 fewer offences);
* Dwelling Burglary has decreased by 20.6% (22 fewer offences);
* ASB incidents have remained the same.

**Areas of note for Stanford-le-Hope:**

* All Crime has increased by 21.2% (91 more offences);
* Violence with Injury has increased by 39.6% (21 more offences);
* Criminal Damage (incl. arson) has increased by 61.1% (22 more offences);
* Shoplifting has increased by 164.3% (23 more offences);
* Other Burglary has increased by 76% (19 more offences);
* Dwelling Burglary has decreased 33.3% (16 fewer offences);
* ASB Incidents have increased by 40.9% (70 more incidents).



Theft

During the above reporting period, there were large increases in offences of shoplifting in both Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope, when compared to the same period the previous year. The police had actively approached Morrisons supermarket and asked them to report every shoplifting offence that occurred. Officers were finding that often, with regular shoplifters, the supermarket would call the police when they had detained a shoplifter but only then were they telling the police about numerous other offences that the shoplifter had previously committed which had not been reported previously. It is likely that this change in reporting accounts for a proportion of the increased number of shoplifting offences recorded during the reporting period.

Thurrock Community Policing Team has been working with other local retailers in the district regarding prevention and their recording methods. Prior to this the retailers would either not report the offences or alternatively would bulk report offences sometime after they had occurred, which was hampering the police’s response and investigations into these matters.

Violence

During the reporting period, there were increases in recorded offences of violence across the force as a whole. This increase is also reflected in the Corringham and Stanford–le-Hope performance figures. The context for this however, is that the relative number of offences is quite low; therefore percentage increases can be misleading. Violence without Injury offences showed a 29.4% increase in Corringham during the reporting period - this equates to 37 more offences than the previous year. Violence with Injury increased by 39.6% in Stanford-le-Hope during the reporting period – this equates to 21 more offences when compared to the same period during the previous year.

Violent incidents and criminal damage can often be linked to domestic abuse. In Thurrock as a district, 35% of all violent incidents were domestic abuse related during the reporting period. For the force, this figure was 32%. This is in keeping with a general force wide increase in reports of domestic abuse. It is believed that the increased number of domestic abuse offences being recorded could be due to improved reporting methods and improved victim engagement.

Dwelling Burglary

The number of recorded Dwelling Burglaries decreased in Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope during the reporting period. In Stanford-le-Hope there was a 33.3% reduction, and in Corringham there was a decrease of 20.6%.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) increased in Stanford-le-Hope by 40.9% during the reporting period (70 more incidents). The increase in ASB is likely to be attributable to an increased number of calls relating to nuisance bikes. Riders have used Stanford-le-Hope as a cut through to other areas within Thurrock.

Operation Apache has been relaunched in the Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope areas to focus on ASB problems within those locations. This operation includes visible patrolling, intelligence led perpetrator targeting, partner agency working and engagement with stakeholders/schools to assist in identifying, disrupting and diverting/changing the behaviour of the youths involved.

Thurrock Community Policing Team has met with Neal Laurie, the Young Person Safeguarding lead for Thurrock Council, along with various other agencies such as:

• Wize-Up

• Troubled Families

• Youth Offending team

• Head of Hassenbrook Academy

• Head of Gable Hall School

• Sexual health safeguarding team

• Thurrock ASB team

Wize-Up is a free and confidential drug and alcohol service for young people under 18 (including young offenders) and families in Thurrock. They work with young people to help them make positive choices and changes. They also work with young people affected by parental/carer’s substance misuse. They work closely with all our secondary schools and colleges and the youth offending service, as well as supporting our Youth at Risk programme.

Fire Break – The Thurrock Community Safety Partnership funded two Fire Break courses last year; one aimed at those in local authority care and the second for those young people that the Troubled Families team and the Youth Offending Service were working with. Funding has been agreed for one course again this year and this will be led by the Prevention and Support service (formerly Troubled Families) and will focus on those young people at risk of offending.

During the first meeting with Neal Laurie and the other partner agencies, held at a school the group identified a number of youths and discussed their behaviour in and out of school, and the actions that could be taken to support them or change their behaviour.

A number of actions were generated for each organisation from the meeting, for example, Fire Break courses or intervention from Wize-Up. In addition, another list of youths was formed, to be discussed. A second meeting went ahead, information was shared between agencies and various tasks were generated. In addition, discussions took place regarding how better support could be provided to parents and a follow-up meeting has been scheduled for July.

It was agreed that the Thurrock CYP officers would introduce themselves to the various head teachers of the two secondary schools. The CYP officers attended Hassenbrook Academy at the end of school and arrested a male for public order offences. The male was one of the youths which had been discussed at the meeting and had recently been given a youth caution for assault. The youth no longer attends the school and so had no reason to be there.

The Thurrock Community Policing Team has been deployed to the locations of Stanford-le-Hope and Corringham 7+ times to specifically patrol locations which have been identified as ‘hot spots’ for anti-social behaviour.

The Thurrock Community Policing Team successfully put forward a tasking bid for Operation Apache. Due to the recent Manchester terrorism incident and subsequent increase in patrols, Operation Apache was incorporated in the patrol strategy given locations of significance to that deployment being in the same area. This resulted in joint Operation Russet and Operation Apache patrols being completed at least once every two hours for the duration of the patrol strategy within the Corringham town centre area. Operation Apache patrols will continue, with the patrols being varied to match the demand in Stanford and Corringham.

On 25th May 2017, officers on patrol near Hardie Park in Stanford-le-Hope were approached by a member of the public stating that he had just seen a male who he could identify riding around a nearby housing estate on a moped with no helmet on and the bike had no number plates. The youth was one of the males discussed at the initial meeting and thought to be committing offences. The officers managed to locate and detain the male and the moped. Subsequent checks showed that the vehicle was in fact stolen and the youth was driving without a licence and driving without any insurance. The stolen vehicle has been recovered and the male has been interviewed. He has admitted to both traffic related offences. A number of the male’s friends appeared, who were also subject of the meeting, and so this police action has sent them a strong message.

Thurrock Community Policing Team is also continuing work on Operation Sacrifice, which is a local policing response to off road bikes. This mainly involves targeted patrols around key areas that are popular with nuisance riders, due to the terrain, such as Butts Lane. Just two weeks ago, whilst on Operation Sacrifice, Community Policing Team officers encountered a motorcyclist who failed to stop and went off road through an alley to evade them. A few days ago, whilst patrolling the area, local officers stopped three quad bikes riders who had just come off of a farmer’s field, as they were aware that the farmer does not consent to such vehicles being on his land. These three vehicles and riders were all issued Section 59 warnings. This means that if they are seen again, the vehicles can be seized.