

50+ Groups - You Said We Did (YSWD) Event 2010

Over 50's Groups Issue	Suggested / Agreed Agency	Feedback on Actions / Comments
Victoria park, needles on ground, un-safe and un-kept.	Safer Communities Torbay / Torbay Council / Street Pastors	To be addressed in the You Said We Did Action Plan – Intergenerational Work
Dog Fouling	Torbay Council	<p>Due to complaints from local residents about the amount of dog faeces in Torbay, in 2009 Torbay Council launched a highly controversial anti-fouling campaign which kicked off a long term programme of work to raise awareness about the health issues and penalties associated with dog fouling.</p> <p>The campaign included a hard-hitting poster which featured on bus shelters throughout Torbay, along with a thought provoking radio advertisement which highlighted that dog faeces can be potentially harmful to public health, and more specifically, the health of children. The advertising also highlighted that public litter bins in Torbay can be used to dispose of bagged dog faeces and also encouraged residents to report offenders to the council, to help the Dog Wardens target their patrols with a greater chance of catching offenders.</p> <p>Other work carried out by the Council has included the introduction of 'Dog Watch' which involves putting up highly visible temporary signage in areas where dog fouling has become a problem. As well as the signage, Dog Watch areas are patrolled more regularly by Dog Wardens, and information cards are also delivered to nearby properties to encourage residents to report offenders to the council.</p> <p>In addition to the Dog Wardens, in Torbay a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 for a dog fouling offence can now also be issued by a Street Warden or a Police Community Support Officer. Those who choose not to pay a Fixed Penalty Notice can be taken to court and the council has prosecuted 7 people in the last 12 months for dog fouling offences.</p> <p>The Council has been very clear in its message that the majority of dog owners are incredibly responsible and it is a small number of people who consistently fail to clear up after their dog. Many people who choose not to pick up after their dog know that they are causing a nuisance to other people and know that they are committing an offence, which is why Torbay Council has responded to concerns raised by local people and taken such a tough stance on the issue.</p> <p>Although a lot of activities have been carried out to try and tackle this issue, dog fouling can still be found in Torbay parks, streets and beaches so there is still a lot of work to do in Torbay to encourage everyone to report offenders to the council.</p> <p>In March 2010, Torbay was recognised as an area leading in the fight against fouling, and the Council picked up two awards from the national clean up charity Keep Britain Tidy. The Council won first place in the Preventative Approaches category at the Keep Britain Tidy Network Awards, and also received the Keep Britain Tidy Network Awards Overall Winner 2010.</p> <p>Dog fouling offenders can be reported in confidence to Torbay Council on telephone 01803 208091, email community.protection@torbay.gov.uk or by following the link online at www.torbay.gov.uk/dogfouling.</p>

Paignton looks run down and ugly	Probation / Police / Local residents / Business	A Police Environmental Visual Audit (An audit of a particular environment or location in order to identify how that area or location could be improved) is due to take place with partner agencies to encourage local residents / businesses to join in with the aim to improve the area.
Afraid of young people in general	Safer Communities Torbay	To be addressed in the You Said We Did Action Plan - Intergenerational Work
Un happy with drunken behaviour of Torquay harbourside	Police / Street Pastors / Safer Communities Torbay	<p>Late night drunk and rowdy behaviour does take place in Torbay, particularly around the area of Torquay harbour; this is because Torbay offers a vibrant and popular night life which is focused around entertainment areas that provide a variety of pubs, clubs, restaurants and takeaways. Local people and visitors enjoy Torbay's late night offer for a variety of reasons, one of which is our beautiful coastline which allows people to enjoy an evening of entertainment after a day at the beach. Whilst the strength of Torbay's late night offer is very positive, particularly for the broader local economy, the availability of alcohol along with the potential for its misuse and its recognised links to crime (including environmental crimes), disorder, violence and the fear of crime, is an ongoing issue which Safer Communities Torbay is seeking to tackle.</p> <p>Many of the premises associated with Torbay's late night offer are located near to each other and are within relatively small areas, particularly in the town centre and harbour side of Torquay. With a local population in Torbay of 134,000 which increases to over 200,000 during the summer months, many visitors as well as residents flock to the area to enjoy the late night offer. The result of this is often large amounts of people, looking to have a great time, within a very small area.</p> <p>The late night issues which are associated with drinking alcohol are not exclusive to Torbay and can be reflected throughout the country. It is also important to recognise that the vast majority of people, who venture out at night in Torbay, do so to eat, drink, dance, socialise and have fun in our beautiful natural environment without any intention of becoming involved in any form of trouble. When intoxicated some of those people may have little awareness that they are behaving in an anti-social manner, for example by talking loudly in the street, and it should be stressed that what one person perceives to be 'rowdy behaviour', another may perceive to be as 'high spirits'.</p> <p>The issue of most concern to Safer Communities Torbay and the public is when late night drunk and rowdy behaviour (usually involving a minority of people) escalates into violence which can cause harm to others and/or property. A number of agencies work all year round to prevent late night alcohol fuelled violence and to efficiently deal with the consequences of it when it does happen. The most highly visible agency carrying out this work is the Devon and Cornwall Police which has a dedicated team, known as the PACT Team which is specifically tasked to deal with late night anti-social behaviour and crime. Other agencies and voluntary groups also work together in to make Torbay a safer place at night, such as Torbay Council Licensing Officers, the Street Pastors and during busy seasonal periods, Taxi Marshals, Street Marshals and the Stay Safe Bus. This type of work has had positive results with night time assaults continuing to fall in Torbay since 2007.</p> <p>During 2010 various initiatives (some of which already exist and some will be new) will take place with the aim of continuing to reduce violent assaults such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and introduction of a marketing, public relations and communications strategy specific to the late night alcohol agenda. • Development and introduction of a co-ordinated 'Night Time Support Package' of existing services and facilities (e.g. Street Pastors, The Bus, Taxi Marshals, PACT) which can be provided to relevant stakeholders (e.g. Licensed

		<p>Premises, colleges), to encourage greater take up of these services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with representatives of the local licensed trade to develop new and creative activities and initiatives to promote responsible drinking and community safety late at night. • Potential introduction of the Taxi and Street Marshal Schemes to help reduce crime and disorder during seasonal periods. • Delivery of a World Cup action plan to promote responsible drinking in Torbay during the football world cup (June and July 2010). • Provision of the Stay Safe Bus which provides a safe haven for vulnerable individuals late at night. • Continued action against anti-social behaviour and crime in the form of the police's PACT Team, who are highly visible in the late night environment. • Working with the Street Pastors who provide a visible presence at Torquay harbour and provide support to vulnerable individuals late at night. <p>This work will be developed after the summer to help inform how agencies like the Devon and Cornwall Police and the Council, prepare for the busy Christmas and New Year periods. This work will be co-ordinated by Safer Communities Torbay.</p> <p>Due to Torbay's popularity as a late night destination for revellers, and particularly the area at Torquay harbour side, it is important for all agencies to strike a delicate balance between creating an environment where people (particularly young people) feel that they have the freedom to enjoy themselves, and that businesses in the area continue to flourish, but that this is achieved within the boundaries of law, order and decency.</p>
Car crime in St.Marychurch and Plainmoor	Police – Neighbourhood Teams	Vehicle crime in St Marychurch has been resolved with a Police led operation "Operation ABRA" that was run during February / March 2010. This involved plain clothes patrols, extra high visibility patrols, media work & crime prevention advice. A Public meeting was held on 25 th February 2010 at St Anne's Hall, Torquay to discuss and update the community. Over the last 6-8 weeks there has not been any series or trends in the area.
Not enough publicity with who to contact with local concerns, who is local beat manager or neighbourhood watch co-ordinator?	Safer Communities Torbay	To be addressed in the You Said We Did Action Plan – Older People
Young people & adults lack of road safety skills	Torbay Road Safety Team / Police	<p>Torbay Council will be hosting its second "Driving Safer For Longer" event, on 14th September 2010 at the Belgrave and Premier Inn, Belgrave Road, Torquay, from 10am until 4pm.</p> <p>The aim is to keep the bay's older drivers Driving Safer For Longer by hosting a free day long drop in event where drivers have the opportunity to watch a presentation given by Devon and Cornwall Police, receive advice from representatives such as SpecSavers, Age UK, and Drivers from the Institute of Advanced Motorists, Plymouth and District Advanced motorists. Cornwall Mobility Centre is bringing two specially adapted cars as well as a "Drive From Wheelchair" Demonstration. There will also be an opportunity to book a free assessment drive with an Advanced Driver Trainer. Also invited are members of the medical profession and physiotherapists to provide advice on driving whilst taking medications and medical aids available.</p> <p>Road Safety for young people: all nurseries in the Bay have been invited to join The Traffic Club; a member of the Road Safety Team will visit the nursery to give a talk on staying safe when out walking, holding hands etc.</p>

		<p>Primary and Junior Schools have been invited to join the Junior Road Safety Officers scheme. This is a 2 year rolling scheme where one child from year 6 and one from year 5 deliver road safety messages to their school by means of an assembly, keeping a notice board relevant to the terms' message (e.g. Be Safe Be Seen for when the clocks go back in autumn), and their friends outside school and (most important)!, their parents. The children are given all of the resources they need to deliver the messages.</p> <p>A demonstration showing why it is important for everyone travelling in a vehicle to wear a seatbelt is taken into Primary Schools for key stage 2 children. The demonstration uses a beanbag family who have 2 collisions in their car, one collision without wearing seatbelts and one collision wearing seatbelts.</p> <p>Torbay Council has a Cycle Instructor who visits Primary Schools within the Bay.</p> <p>For Secondary Schools and Colleges, Torbay Council presents a Learn2Live event twice a year in partnership with the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, Devon County Council, and the NHS. Visit www.learn2live.com for more information.</p> <p>Torbay Council also attends Freshers Week at South Devon College providing information on motorcycle safety, tyre safety, and information for new or soon to be drivers.</p>
<p>Lack of shops in Paignton, only gambling and charity/ Grockle shops</p>	<p>Police / Town Community Partnerships</p>	<p>Torbay Council is in the process of developing a business partnership in conjunction with the current Town Community Partnership. The aim is that businesses can have a voice in how the Town Centre is run and communicate better to improve the town.</p> <p>The Council inevitably gives planning permission for the type of business allowed to set up in Paignton. The Community and Business Partnerships are about allowing the people of Paignton, a say in the way the town is run. One of the priorities is to encourage a wider range of services/shops to Paignton</p>