



YOUR ZONE

The Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter for Senior Citizens

Sarah Baker is welcomed as the new Team 3 NPT Sergeant for Dewsbury and Mirfield

Sergeant Sarah Baker joined West Yorkshire Police as a Constable in July 2002 where she served in the Kirklees division patrolling in the Huddersfield area. In 2005 Sergeant Baker joined the Roads Policing Team where she worked for 3 and a half years before moving to Dewsbury to work in the Contact Management Unit where she was promoted from Constable to Acting Sergeant. Sergeant Baker remained in this position for a short time before her appointment on the Dewsbury and Mirfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Sergeant Baker said "The Neighbourhood Policing Team means working in partnership with communities and Agencies for example Kirklees Council along with local action groups to create a better neighbourhood for those who live and work there". Sergeant Bakers priorities are to work with the Partnership agencies to improve the quality of living in the areas that the local Neighbourhood Policing Team police and to achieve this she has already put in place an initiative in Mirfield which is named Going the extra mile for Mirfield. This initiative involves implementing increased patrols in the area in order to reduce anti-social behaviour and driving. Throughout February and March Police and Police Community Support Officers will be focussing on specific areas, brought to the NPTs attention by **you** and **your** local Councillors. There will be increased numbers of



NPT Sergeant Sarah Baker

officers on foot patrol and in vehicles helping to ensure that levels of Anti Social Behaviour stay low. The officers will be on the lookout for antisocial behaviour such as underage drinking and general nuisance as well as poor driving standards and "racing".

Sergeant Baker is also working towards another initiative in the Thornhill Lees area in conjunction with Kirklees and the local council to create a better neighbourhood. This is following a leaflet drop in the area giving advice on home security.

Focus on Savile Town and Thornhill Lees Police Community Support Officer Lindsay Sykes



PCSO Lindsay Sykes is the local Community support officer for Savile Town and Thornhill Lees. She has worked for West Yorkshire Police for

3 and a half years previously in the Crime Recording Bureau. She decided that she wanted to deal with members of the public face to face rather than over the phone and becoming a PCSO was the way to do this. Lindsay says "I enjoy working within and contributing towards the well being of a community. Two new Surestart centres have recently opened within my beat area and I have already forged close links with them and will be attending their One Stop Shops where I hope people will feel that they are able to come and see me for advice or to report any issues they may have. I also regularly visit schools in my area to offer guidance to both teachers and pupils on a number of matters inc road safety.

Local NPT Good News Stories

A male known to West Yorkshire Police was recently arrested for breach of court order after a local NPT officer sighted him in the school Lane area of **Dewsbury Moor** and detained him whilst awaiting the arrival of a Police Officer.

Local NPT officers have been working in the **Chickenley** and **Earlsheaton** area tackling Anti social behaviour. As a result a number of local youths have been identified by officers and referred to the Anti Social Behaviour Unit.

The area of **Bywell** playing fields has been subject to a lot of calls relating to nuisance youths including noise, drinking and theft of wheelie bins over the past few weeks. Local NPT officers have made home visits to the

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addresses of numerous youths who have been identified as part of the group congregating and causing the anti social behaviour. Both the youths and their parents have been advised regarding the unacceptable behaviour and warned of the consequences if they should be found committing further offences. Increased patrols have also been undertaken in the area resulting in the arrest of a local youth who was found to be causing anti social behaviour in the area. The Neighbourhood Policing Team are continuing with increased patrols and urge members of the public to report any anti social behaviour taking place in the areas that they live. The Headteacher at Pentland Infant School, **Savile Town**, has raised concerns about children not wearing seatbelts when coming to school and inconsiderate parking by parents. PCSO Lindsay Sykes will be attending the school on the 24th February 2009 to speak to the children about the importance of wearing seatbelts and also about Road Safety. All the children will receive Road Safety packs which are to include a DVD on Seatbelt Safety for parents. Follow up patrols outside the school will be made and anyone found not wearing a seatbelt or causing a parking obstruction will be dealt with accordingly. Over the Christmas period the Neighbourhood Policing Team officers in Dewsbury came up with a brand new way of getting important messages and advice to the public. PCSOs Annette Still and Lindsay Sykes came up with the idea to use a vacant premise in the **Town Centre** of Dewsbury as a partnership hub. The idea was to bring together a range of agencies including the Police, Sure Start, the Fire Service, Community Rangers, Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, Indian Muslim Welfare Society, Pakistan and Kashmir Welfare Association. The 'Partnership Market Place', officially opened its doors on the 13th December at 12noon in the Princess of Wales Precinct in Dewsbury. The opening day was a huge success and over 500 people visited the shop to speak to officers and other agencies over a two week period. This was our way of showing a commitment to the town centre by making use of a vacant shop. Rather than patrolling, which officers

continued to do, there was a fixed point of contact in the town centre that benefited a great number of people. Dewsbury Town Centre Manager Andrew Sloman supported the idea. "The Dewsbury Partnerships Market Place was a fantastic community initiative making use of a vacant unit to provide a great contact and information point"

Tackling Anti Social Behaviour



Anti Social Behaviour is any activity that impacts on other people in a negative way. It includes a variety of behaviour covering a whole complex of selfish and unacceptable behaviour which lowers the quality of community life including:

- Nuisance Neighbours
- Intimidating Groups
- Vandalism and Graffiti
- Underage Drinking
- Drug Taking
- Noise
- Loutish Behaviour
- "Boy Racers"

Sometimes Anti Social behaviour maybe targeted at specific individuals however it can also be a result of more general circumstances caused by thoughtless behaviour for example noise nuisance and intimidation by say a large groups of youths gathered in the street.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team can deal with reports of Anti Social Behaviour in a number of different ways including Directions to leave a locality to stop the perpetrators from entering a specific area for up to 48 hours, Section 59 warnings (vehicle related) for playing loud music or driving a vehicle in an anti social manner which may ultimately result in the vehicle being seized and most commonly Anti Social Behaviour Orders which is a contract between an

Individual and the court to prevent them from doing a number of things including entering certain areas and causing or inciting behaviour that may cause harassment alarm or distress.

The local NPT have a zero tolerance on Anti Social behaviour and urge you not to stand for it. If you feel you are a victim contact them on **0845 6060606** or anonymously to Crimestoppers on **0800 555111**.

Protect yourself from Robbery

Street Robbery is generally known as mugging, this also includes bag snatching. Below are some tips to prevent you from becoming a victim:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't give thieves the chance to take your valuables from you
- Don't leave any valuables on display to thieves (i.e. in an open handbag)
- Don't carry large amounts of money whilst out shopping

Editors Ten Minute Wordsearch

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(Agencies, Kirklees, Seatbelt, Patrol, Road, Action)

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In an Emergency always dial **999**.

For **Non Emergences** dial

0845 6060606

Dewsbury NPT **01924 431033**

Crimestoppers **0800 555111**

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