

Neighbourhood Policing – Kirklees District

Drugs help for 47 arrested

The biggest operation of its kind in Kirklees, to close suspected drugs dens under Anti-Social Behaviour legislation, has resulted in 47 arrests and 22 closure notices being served.

The three day operation involved officers from the area's Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Crime Division and Operational Support Unit.

A total of 22 addresses in Ravensthorpe, Thornhill, Mirfield, Golcar, Milnsbridge, Moldgreen, High Burton, Crosland Moor, Thornton Lodge, Howden Clough, Batley Carr, Birstall, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike and Dewsbury Moor were searched.

Action

The action involved partners including the Drugs Intervention Programme and Kirklees Safer Communities Partnership and Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing (KNH). Local councillors also attended the days of action.

Chief Inspector Keith Hallas, Head of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams, who led the operation: "We have



Tackling drugs in action.

responded directly to local residents' concerns about houses being used as drug dens.

"It is well known that drugs and crime go hand in hand, this is why we have

taken a radical approach and tested those arrested for class A drugs. The 47 people arrested have decided to take part in the Drug Interventions Programme. "By getting drug users into

treatment we can, hopefully, cut crime and anti-social behaviour in these communities. I can assure the public that this is just one of the many planned operations to combat drug abuse and dealing in Kirklees."

Kirklees 'neighbours' come into 'focus'



PC Angie Lister and PCSO Tony Slack out on the streets of Almondbury

A new scheme has started in the Kirklees District which will see local agencies working together to improve the quality of life for residents.

'Kirklees Focus' will become a monthly feature in different parts of the District, with officers from local Neighbourhood Policing Teams working closely with people from fire, probation, housing, drugs treatment and other agencies. In the first operation in Batley, 12 people were arrested for crimes including criminal damage, theft, and possession of drugs or being wanted on warrant.

Information about anti-social behaviour

was handed out to around 30 local residents and a large amount of alcohol was seized from underage drinkers.

The second operation in Almondbury saw 30 arrests for burglary, theft, criminal damage and drugs. Three premises were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act. Police and a licensing officer also made checks on licensed premises.

The probation service, fire, housing, driver and vehicle and taxi licensing agencies and environmental services, youth services, Neighbourhood Wardens and a team from the Civil Warrants also took part.

Fake claims high price

A campaign getting tough on young people committing robbery against each other has hit the streets.

Research shows an increase in the number of mobile phone robberies committed by young people on young people.

Detective Inspector Andy Parr, leading the initiative, said: "Robbery is a serious matter and, where we have evidence, we will charge and put people before the court. We won't be giving any final warnings.

"We know that specific gangs have been committing this sort of crime and are targeting those involved.

"If you are found guilty, you could spend a long time in prison – think about the effect that could have on your family and future job prospects. Is it really worth it?"

"We are also targeting people who falsely claim their mobile phone has been stolen, to get an upgrade or a new phone."

If you suspect people of being involved in robbery you can report it to Huddersfield CID on 01484 436685 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

A summer of safer driving

Officers from Kirklees North and South Road Traffic Police are launching the National Summer Drink Drive campaign.

With the help of the Division's volunteers, they are handing out leaflets to shoppers at the main supermarkets in Kirklees – Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons and ASDA to raise awareness of the campaign.

Sergeant Dean Taylor from Kirklees North Road Traffic Police said: "We are targeting supermarkets to encourage shoppers not to drink and drive. We're thinking particularly about people going

to barbecues, in the warmer weather. "It's a fact that people who have had a drink and then drive are more likely to be involved in an accident, which can have very serious, sometimes even fatal, consequences.

"We do crack down on drink driving all year round but extra road policing patrols will be concentrating on motorists suspected to be drink driving.

"Any driver involved in a road traffic collision will automatically be breathalysed and we are asking the public to support us, if you are driving stick to soft drinks."



PC Michelle Yule explains the benefits of safer, sober driving