



Dewsbury & Mirfield Neighbourhood Policing Team **Police and Community Together Meeting Public Update**

NPT Ward PACT Meeting	Dewsbury South
Date	Thursday 20 th August
Time	17:00 – 18:00 hrs
Venue	Whitley Community Centre, Howroyd Lane, Dewsbury
NPT Meeting Chair	PC Woods
NPT Officers/Staff Present	PC Woods, PCSO Jones
Partners in attendance (Councillors, LA, CSP etc)	Councillors for Dewsbury SOUTH – Who no longer represent Whitley which now falls under KIRKBURTON

Purpose and objective of PACT meetings

The objective of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for members of the local community to raise their community priorities or concerns, receive crime prevention advice, and be updated as to what the police and partners have been doing to address the priorities and concerns raised at the previous meeting.

Previous Meeting Overview - You Said:

What communities raised at the last meeting – (abstract from previous saved proforma)

At the last PACT meeting in April, residents raised several concerns relating to the impact of ongoing activity within the area. A number of residents reported issues with abandoned vehicles being left in the car park for prolonged periods. Concerns were also expressed about noisy vehicles, with excessive engine noise and speeding. In addition, residents highlighted the ongoing issue of mud being deposited on the road by lorries transporting hardcore materials to the railway works.

Actions Set at the last meeting:

Continue with high-visibility police patrols, particularly during evenings and weekends. With the lighter nights and warmer weather encouraging more people to gather outdoors, an increased police presence will help deter anti-social behaviour, provide reassurance to local residents, and enable officers to engage positively with young people within the community.

Continue to utilise Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act warrants where intelligence supports enforcement activity.

Continue proactive vehicle stops and document checks in the area. Officers will carry out checks on vehicles and drivers to ensure compliance with road traffic legislation, including verifying insurance, driving licences, vehicle tax, and roadworthiness.

Maintain close monitoring of local issues and community intelligence reported through the PACT process. Information provided by residents will continue to inform policing priorities and direct patrols to areas where concerns are most prominent.

Work with partner agencies to address ongoing community concerns, ensuring that issues such as anti-social behaviour, vehicle-related nuisance, and environmental matters are tackled through a coordinated and problem-solving approach.

Actions Taken – We Did

Since the last meeting we have:

Traffic and Road Safety

- Patrols in hotspot areas under Operation Trimborg which has resulted in multiple seizures and Traffic Offence Reports being issued, these patrols will continue.
- Acting on community intelligence, NPT Officers have recovered several vehicles that were abandoned, involved in crime, uninsured, or reported stolen and subsequently found.
- Ongoing engagement has taken place with persistent venues linked to high powered sports vehicles, focusing on deterrence and compliance.
- Work has continued over recent months, resulting in dozens of vehicle seizures, along with a significant number of traffic tickets and Section 59 warnings being issued.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Partnered with Kirklees Youth Outreach to signpost positive activities.
- Ward officers have continued to attend community meetings for reassurance.
- Continue targeting repeat ASB offenders through the use of Community Protection Warnings.
- Closure orders have been secured on premises linked to ongoing anti-social behaviour.
- ASB week - school inputs and targeted patrols and operations conducted for areas with increased ASB.
- Working with partners to develop a problem-solving approach to address the growing trend of large-scale outdoor youth gatherings "field parties", focusing on prevention, safeguarding, and reducing associated ASB.

Drug Activity

- Maintain proactive enforcement activity across all ward areas, resulting in arrests, charges, and out-of-court disposals for drug-related offences.
- Progress a number of ongoing, complex investigations into drug offences, many of which are expected to lead to significant custodial sentences.
- Continue targeted work to tackle drug use and supply across all areas, with a new project focusing on issues in Dewsbury South and Mirfield, with further details to follow.

Shop Theft

- Town Centre Teams are working with business owners to share intelligence and take enforcement action.
- Our dedicated Town Centre Team are increasing patrols and visibility to deter crime, provide reassurance to businesses, and ensure the public feel safe.
- Officers continue to revisit reported shop thefts promptly to secure CCTV evidence and identify suspects at the earliest opportunity.
- Community Protection Warnings and Community Protection Notices have been issued to repeat demand nominals involved in begging outside retail premises.
- Contact points are being actively utilised to provide crime prevention advice and create opportunities for face to face engagement between officers and the community.

New Public Concerns and Issues:

- Speeding on Whitley Road and surrounding village roads during the day and night.
- 60mph limits on village roads which residents feel should be 20 or 30mph roads.
- Off road bikes being used in public spaces and illegally on roads.
- Lack of speed humps / road signs / deterrents / speed cameras.
- Fly tipping throughout the area – mainly from drug use including nitrous oxide cannisters, throughout all areas.
- Lack of Police and PCSO presence & patrols throughout all areas.
- Lack of off-road bike team which has been noticeable due to the increase of off-road bike issues.
- Residents feel that they should have the same 'Op Trimburg' in their areas as the issues have been moved from Mirfield to Whitley.

Actions Set:

Residents were advised by the attending councillors on how to contact the Council and submit enquiries regarding:

- How and where the local traffic management budget is being allocated.
- The level of financial contribution that would be required from residents to secure measures such as speed humps, road signage, traffic-calming deterrents, or speed cameras.
- Concerns regarding the condition and safety of pavements, and the apparent lack of litter-picking services in the area.

Residents also raised concerns about the visibility and presence of Police Constables (PCs) and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) within the neighbourhood. I advised that, wherever operationally possible, neighbourhood policing staff covering the South Ward area would continue to attend and patrol the locality.

In addition, residents requested the reinstatement of the Off-Road Bike Team. I explained that decisions regarding specialist teams and staffing levels are beyond my remit; however, I assured residents that their concerns and requests would be communicated to the appropriate channels for consideration.