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# TANTERTON CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY

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#### **Background**

The Tanterton area of Ingol ward generates a high level of demand on police resources. Although traditional methods of policing alone have achieved a 17% reduction in overall crime over the previous 12 months, there continues to be an unacceptable level of burglary and car crime in a relatively small geographic area.

In May 1998 the situation was exacerbated when the 'Spar' shop within the community centre area of Tanterton, was burned to the ground.

Juvenile nuisance and general graffiti are another source of demand on police resources. In a recent survey, vandalism and graffiti were highlighted as being the prime causes of concern within Ingol and Tanterton.

The overall effect has resulted in public perception of the fear of crime, being raised substantially. This has resulted in the general community feeling unsafe and un-assured.

This briefly forms the back cloth against which the strategy has been prepared. This document aims to identify persistent problem areas, with a view to providing stakeholder agencies and bodies with information, to enable short ,medium and long term strategies, to be undertaken. It seeks to make recommendations, which if undertaken will have an immediate positive impact on perception of fear of crime, by members of the Tanterton community.

#### <u>Methodology</u>

In order to ascertain appropriate methodology for a successful Crime and Disorder Prevention Strategy, it was essential to initiate a thorough and accurate crime pattern analysis of the Tanterton area. This would highlight key areas of concern whereby strategy could be focused according to greatest demand.

The subsequent document produced (Appendix 1, attached), highlights 4 salient offences,

These are:-

- · Criminal damage
- Burglary (both in and other than in dwellings)
- Car crime (Stealing of, or from motor vehicles)
- Violent crime

In addition, during the period analysed (1/8/97 to 31/7/98) there had been 552 incidents of nuisance recorded. The analysis shows that the vast majority of offences committed, have occurred within the area bounded by Village Green Ln, Tag Ln, Kidsgrove and the 'Spar' shopping centre area. These offences or incidents primarily involve North British Housing Association tenancy property, the area surrounding the 'Spar shop and Hanover Court elderly peoples residence. The analysis therefore stipulated the boundaries of the initial Crime and Disorder Prevention Strategy. Having identified the area, crime prevention officers carried out analysis, took photographs and highlighted areas of concern.

Conclusions and recommendations will concentrate on the environmental factors that influence the level of crime in the identified area.

#### **Objectives**

- To formulate a crime prevention strategy that will provide the basis for multi-agency action with the purpose of reducing crime and disorder.
- That the survey will provide a focus for action by Preston Borough Council, North British
  Housing Association, James Hall and Co, to bring about environmental changes aimed at
  designing out crime and disorder in the area.
- To produce a Crime and Disorder Prevention Strategy, that assists all parties concerned in partnership formulation.
- To provide evidence and impetus to secure necessary funding, in order to implement initial recommendations and ongoing improvements to the environment.
- To provide the basis, through preparation of appropriate Crime and Disorder Prevention Strategy, which will have a long term effect on crime and disorder in the Tanterton area.

#### Conclusion

The conclusions of the crime prevention survey are deliberately intended to be practically based, to immediately address the first stage of the strategy and impact directly upon the perceived fear of crime. It is the intention to replace the fear of crime with a perception of feeling safe, involved and reassured at the earliest opportunity. The conclusions impinge on proven crime prevention criteria and the experience of the 3 crime prevention officers involved. These revolve around the basic crime prevention principles of;-

- 1. Natural Surveillance
- 2. Environmental design
- 3. Access control
- **^4.** Increased chance of detection
- 5. Anti-social behaviour removing the means

#### Natural Surveillance

The area in general is over run with bushes, shrubs and trees, which have grown out of control They now provide total cover for criminal and anti social activity and negate natural surveillance or observation. They particularly affect the following areas:-

• The 2 main, adopted walkway areas, that give access to the community shopping centre area, from Tag Lane and via North British Housing tenancy blocks. This has resulted in the walkways being reduced in width, light and available observation. This gives a feeling, even in daylight conditions, of being hemmed in or trapped. It is almost claustrophobic and

heightens the feeling of vulnerability. This in my view heightens the perception of and the fear of crime.

- All car park areas are so densely enveloped by bushes and shrubbery, that criminal damage and car crime activity easily goes unobserved. The car park area to the rear of the 'Spar' complex, is a haven for car crime, damage, graffiti and anti-social behaviour. It is unlit in the hours of darkness and is a highly vulnerable area for people to walk through. This is one of the main access and egress points for the shopping complex.
- High level, brick built 'Planter' areas, also negate natural surveillance, effectively blocking visibility between the frontage of the shopping areas and car parking spaces. They are also sited in the quadrangle areas of the North British Housing tenancy blocks. They again create and encourage potential criminal activity and raise the feeling of vulnerability, perception and fear of crime.

#### Environmental design

The area and buildings concerned were designed and developed in the early 1980s prior to secure by design. This is reflected in their construction. With regard to North British Housing Authority tenancies, they are all very close together and inhibit natural light, giving a perception of being enclosed. Inadequate lighting in general is the main cause for concern.

- The main adopted walkways, all need lighting improvements, with current lighting levels creating vulnerability for pedestrians. Improvements on the walkways concerned, come under the jurisdiction of Preston Borough Council.
- The main lighting at the frontage of the 'Spar', bakery and chip shop shopping area, is inadequate for the purpose.

• Currently there is no lighting whatsoever to illuminate the car park area at the rear of the 'Spar' shopping complex. This is a most vulnerable area.

As with the lack of natural surveillance, the lack of adequate lighting gives the perception of an unsafe environment and raises the perception of fear of crime.

#### Access control

In this instance, access control relates to restricting the number of access and egress point within the North British Housing Association quadrangle. While there are 2 main adopted walkways, there are also 2 ancillary walkways. In addition there are 8 open first floor landings, sited at the perimeters of the quadrangle. These allow a host of exit points for criminals to make good an escape. It is practically impossible at the present time from a police perspective, to adequately secure the quadrangle, when in pursuit of a criminal. The access control areas causing concern are:-

- The 2 highlighted pathways illustrated on the map, enclosed, (Appendix 2 attached). These are predominantly unused for normal pedestrian activity, as entrances leading from them, in to the quadrangle area, are extremely dark even in daylight and are vulnerable areas to attack to the pedestrian.
- There are 8, open, first floor landings, which are easy escape routes for the would be criminal. The exterior of these areas are surrounded by grass, availing soft landing areas and further surrounded by high shrubbery and bushes, giving natural cover. The overall lack of access control, encourages criminal or anti-social activity.

#### Increased chance of detection

It can be seen that a combination of minimal natural surveillance, poor lighting, together with inadequate access control, makes the possibility of detection highly unlikely. There is clear proven evidence to show that criminal activity, is directly affected by the percentage chance of offenders being detected. A low percentage chance of detection is therefore likely to lead to an increase in criminal activity. This in turn fuels the perception of vulnerability and the fear of crime.

#### Anti social behaviour - removing the means

Large groups of youths are currently being encouraged to assemble on bench areas provided within the quadrangle area. There are also bench areas on the frontage of the main shopping area.

- The bench areas concerned do not provide genuine interest to occupy the youths concerned, but merely act as gathering points, often for anti-social behaviour. Large groups of youths congregating in darkly lit areas are intimidating, particularly to the unaccompanied, or elderly pedestrian. This again increases the perception of vulnerability.
- There are 2 telephone boxes sited outside the 'Spar' shop, around which youths congregate. The telephone boxes have been heavily vandalised with graffiti. They are an eye sore. Telephone equipment is continually daubed with anti-climb paint taken from the nearby community centre. The telephone kiosks are undoubtedly a magnet for groups of youths to congregate around. Large groups of youths intimidate pedestrians, shoppers and residents in general.

#### Recommendations

Having regard to the conclusions that have been drawn, I make the following recommendations: -

- 1. All low lying bushes to be cut to 1 metre height maximum / or removed totally to be replaced with grass.
- 2. All first floor landings to be barred off to prevent access and egress.
- 3. Walkway access and egress points as outlined to be closed and grassed over.
- 4. The main walkways to have lighting improvements made (minimum of 3 extra lights)
- 5. Benches within the quadrangle and outside 'Spar' to be removed.
- 6. Car park area at the rear of 'Spar' to be replaced with combination of grass and 1 course brick height planters and low lying shrubs.
- 7. Rear lighting pole, together with high level of light emitted to illuminate the rear of the shopping area premises.
- 8. Bushes at the front of the shopping area to be removed. Planters to be lowered to one course brick height.
- 9. Increased height and security of existing lighting unit no 10, with increase in level of lux light emitted.
- 10. Bushes adjacent to community centre to be cut or removed.
- 11. Bushes Pool House school perimeter fencing to be removed.
- 12. Area in between the 'Spar' and the bakery shops to be fenced off with weld mesh fencing.
- 13. Telephone kiosks to be removed to alternative site.

#### **Implementation** issues

The implementation of these suggested recommendations will impinge on the willingness for all stakeholder agencies and bodies concerned, to recognise the need for immediate action. It will also require partnership formulation by the major players involved.

The recommendations have been designed to form only the first stage of a strategy to increase community confidence and make them feel safe involved and reassured. They have been recommended with a view to having an immediate, practical, initial impact, at relatively low cost implication.

#### The way forward

The way forward in my view, is to implement the recommendations contained in this report promptly and expeditiously. Community confidence in Tanterton area would receive a significant boost, if practical demonstrations of the commitment of all parties involved could be seen as people go about their day to day business.

Public consultation will be necessary to secure the support of local people and to promote understanding of the reasons for environmental changes. An open meeting and media launch should be considered, to achieve a broad understanding of the work which is being done to make Tanterton a safer place.

It is suggested that all parties be requested to lend support to this principle and agree an absolute limit of 12 months to complete the work, once the view of the public of Tanterton have been taken in to account.

When all environmental changes have been completed, the police should undertake a further analysis of crime and disorder to assess the impact. All parties concerned should then meet to assess the extent of the benefits to the community and to themselves in terms of revenue costs and efficiency. This will provide a valid and reliable means upon which further crime prevention measures in the Tanterton area can be considered.

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# **Appendix**

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# CRIME AND DISORDER ON TANTERTON

<u>1/8/97 - 31/7/98</u>

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Tanterton is an area of Ingol which demands a continually high level of police resources due to the level of crime and disorder in the area.

Now days it is becoming more difficult to address these needs with police efforts alone and therefore other problem solving strategies must be looked at. Strategies that involve outside agencies so that these demands can be managed. This report looks at crime and disorder in the Tanterton area over the last year. The aim is to identify persistent problems, with an end to involving outside agencies with short and long term strategies which may have both an immediate and long term impact. An impact which will not only reduce crime and disorder in the area but will help to make the community feel safe and more involved.

This report looks in detail at Crime and Disorder committed in the area of Tanterton. It is based on offences and incidents committed over the last year (1/8/97 to 31/7/98).

A list of roads that this area includes can be found in Appendix. 1 together with a map of the area Appendix 2.

#### TYPES OF CRIME COMMITTED ON TANTERTON

All crime that had been committed on Tanterton over the previous year was examined. That is offences committed between 1<sup>st</sup> August 1997 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 1998.

Total crime in Tanterton for this period; Total Crime 311 of which 72 Detected 239 Undetected

Table. 1 below eives a breakdown of these 246 offences into crime types.

Home Office Classification	Total	Detected	Undetected
Burglary in a Dwelling	60	6 _	54
Other Criminal damage over £20	47	3	44
Theft from Vehicle	39	3 · 6	36
Theft from Vehicle Stealing Motor Vehicles	20		20
	17	3	14
Possession of Drugs	14	14	0
Other Theft of Unauthorised Taking	12	3	9
Criminal Damage to Vehicles	12	00	12
Other Wounding	11	8	3
Burglary Other	9	111	8
Theft in a Dwelling (not from Machine/ Meter)	9	4	5
Stealing from Shops and Stalls	8	3	_5
Theft of Pedal Cycle	7	1	6
Harassment	7	6	1
Criminal Damage to Other Buildings	6	0	6
Arson	5	0	5
Other Fraud	4	0	4
Theft from the Person	2	0	2
Common Assault	2	2	0
Perverting the Course of Justice	2	2	0
Possession of Weapons with Intent	2	2	0
Robbery	. 2	1	1
Other Offences against the State	2	2	0
Robbery of Personal Property	2	0	2
Handling Stolen Goods	2	. 0	2
Cheque and Credit Card Fraud	1	1	0
Aggravated Dwelling Burglary	1	1	0
Robbery of Business Property	1	1	0
Theft by an Employee	1	1	0
Threats or Conspiracy to Murder	1	1	0
Wounding or Other Acts Endangering Life	1	0	1
Production of Drugs	1	1	0
Unlawful Assembly	1	1	0
Violent Disorder	1	1	0
TOTAL CRIME	311	70	241

Table. 1 included both old (before 1/4/98) and new (1/4/98 onwards) crime classifications.

#### Table. 1 above shows that;

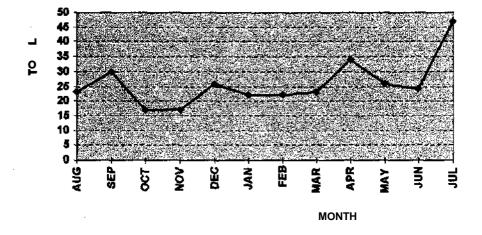
- ^Criminal Damage Classes (Over £20 for last year/ Criminal Damage to Vehicles, Dwellings and Other Buildings for this year ) account for 26 % of the total crime over the last year on Tanterton
- ^ Dwelling Burglary offences account for 19 % of the total crime over the last year on Tanterton
- <sup>^P</sup> Stealing From Motor Vehicle offences account for 13% of the total crime over the last year on Tanterton.
- ^P Stealing Motor Vehicle offences account for 6% of the total crime over the last year on Tanterton

#### Seasonal Fluctuations in Crime

The crime pattern in Tanterton over the last year was then looked at to see if there were any seasonal fluctuations.

Graph. 1 below illustrates the crime fluctuation over the year.

## CRIME PATTERN OVER THE LAST YEAR (1/8/97 TO 31/7/98)



Graph. 1 shows that over the last year the greatest amount of crime has occurred in the month of July. During the rest of the year there were peaks in September and April. This pattern can be viewed as perhaps a prediction for crime during the coming months.

#### LOCATION OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN TANTERTON

The location of these offences was then looked at in more detail, in order to grasp a clearer indication of exact locations or roads where crime is being committed and to identify any locations that are consistently or repeatedly targeted.

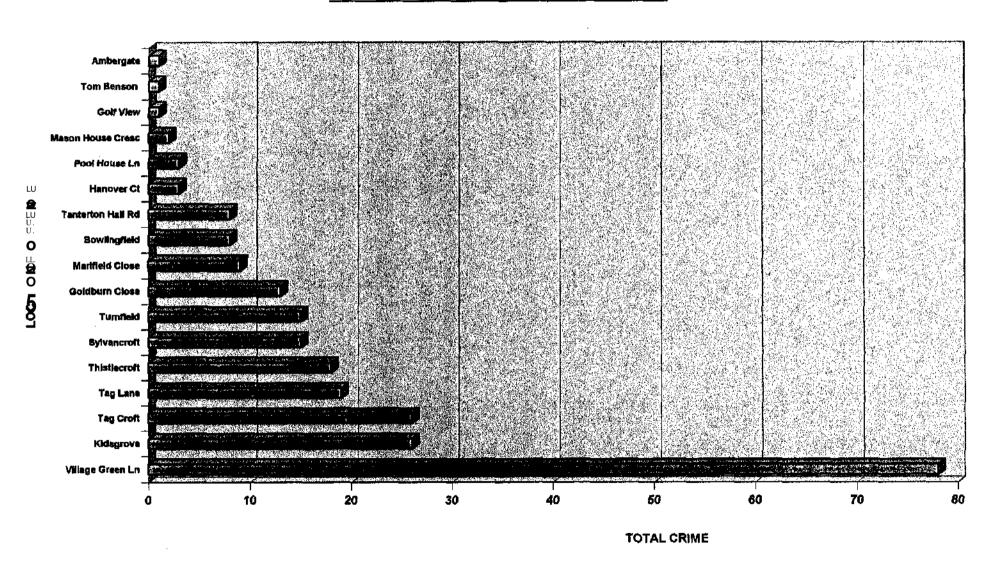
A breakdown of the number of criminal offences committed on each road in Tanterton over the last year is displayed in Table. 2 below.

Table. 2 Number of Crimes Committed by Road (1/8/97 to 31/7/98)

ROAD NAME	TOTAL CRIME
Village Green Lane	72
New Rough Hey	35
Kidsgrove	32
Kidsgrove Tag Croft	26
Tag Lane	19
Thistlecroft	18
Sylvancroft	16
Tumfield	15
Threefields	14
Goldbura Close	13
Tanterton Hall Road	10
Marlfield Close	9
Bowlingfield	9
Tom Benson Way	6
Sheraton Park	5
Hanover Court	3
Dukes Meadow	2 :
Mason House Crescent	2
GolfView	. 1
Pool House Lane	111
Ambergate	1
The Avenue	1
West Avenue	1
Ashfield Court	0
New Links Avenue	0

This is also represented pictorially on the following Graph. 2. This graph clearly illustrates the roads on which criminal activity is consistently a problem.

#### **GRAPH 2: CRIME BREAKDOWN BY ROAD**



The figures show that 53% of all the crime on Tanterton is committed on 4 roads;

Village Green Lane	23 %
New Rough Hey	11%
Kidsgrove	10 %
Tag Croft	9 %

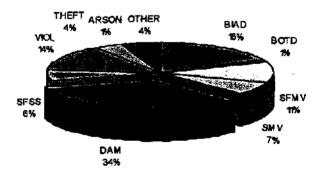
The individual roads were then looked at to identify the type of crimes being committed on each of these roads.

#### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BYROAD

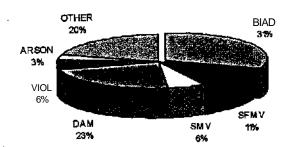
Village Green	Total
Lane	
DAMAGE	24
BIAD	13
VIOLENT •	10_
SFMV_	8_
SMV	5
SFSS	4
OTHER CRIME	3
VARIOUS THEFT	3
ARSON	1
BOIAD	1

New Rough Hey	Total
BIAD	11
DAMAGE	8
OTHER CRIME	7
SFMV	4
VIOLENT	2
SMV	2
ARSON	1

#### Village Green Lane



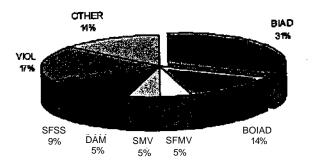
#### New Rough Hey



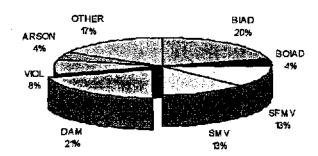
Kidsgrove	Total
SDAMA CERTANA	3 G&S1 1 ČA
DAMAGE BIAD	7
VIOLENT ·	4
SFMV	3
OTHER CRIME	3
SFSS	2
SMV	1
BOIAD	1

Tag Croft	Total
DAMAGE	5
BIAD	5
OTHER CRIME	4
SFMV	3
SMV	3
VIOLENT	2
ARSON	1
BOIAD	1

#### <u>Mdsarove</u>



Tag Croft



CRIMINAL DAMAGE has been identified as being the largest recurring problem on three out of four of these major roads mentioned above, followed by Burglary in a Dwelling- Where crime was looked at on the other roads below, Criminal Damage again figured as the biggest crime or problem for the area. Criminal Damage is being committed in the same area as the burglaries and vehicle crime inferring that often these may infact be attempt breaks or thefts.

Tag Lane	Tota 1
SAVE GARAGE	6
(4 have been FRAUDS)	

Thistlecroft	Total
DAMAGE	6
BIAD	5
SMV	4

Turnfield	Tota 1
DAMAGE	4
SFMV	4

Threefields	Total
BIAD	7

Goldburn Close	Tota
·	1
DAMAGE	6

Tanterton Hall	Total
Road	
GOLF COURSE	5

Tom Benson Way	Tota 1
DRUGS POSSESSION	3

Marlfield Close	Total
DAMAGE	4

#### CRIME COMMITTED AT PUBLIC AMENITIES ON TANTERTON

H	SPAR SHOP	12
	SAVE GARAGE	6
<b>÷</b>	HEALTH CENTRE	4
<b>A</b> i	POOL HOUSE a P SCHOOL	2

• Although there were 12 crimes committed at the SPAR shop over the year, this is a very small proportion compared to the amount of nuisance and disorder incidents that have occurred there over the year. This will be looked at further on in the report.

On the following pages maps have been produced displaying the areas of Tanterton which have been identified as worst hit for crime and disorder over the last year. These maps show all core crimes committed on the following areas over the given period;

Village Green Lane and Kidsgrove New Rough Hey Tag Croft

(SEE APPENDIX 3-5)

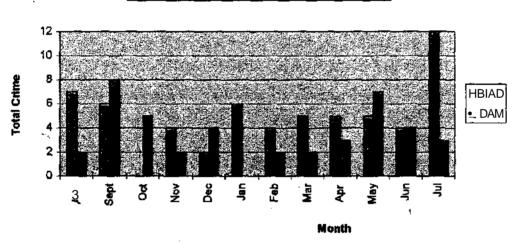
#### ANALYSIS OF CRIME COMMITTED ON TANTERTON

When considering an analysis of the various crime categories below, the category Criminal Damage was included in the data. That is Criminal Damage to Dwellings and Vehicles and Criminal Damage over £20 which was split up appropriately.

The reason for this was that very often a damage crime may infect be an attempted burglary or attempt to break into a vehicle than pure physical damage without motive.

#### Burglary in a Dwelling and Criminal Damage to Dwellings

Graph. 3 Monthly Analysis of Dwelling Burglaries and Criminal Damage to Dwellings



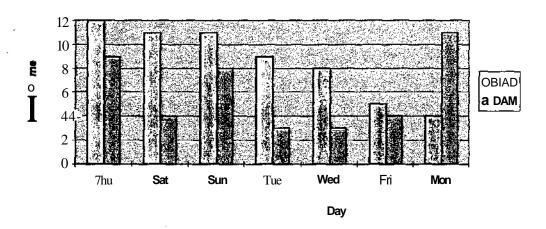
#### Month Analysis of HAD and Damage to OffelBngs

- The greatest increase in burglaries over the last year has been in July.
- No burglaries were committed in October. Possible reasons for this could be that offenders who target this area may have been in prison.
- The greatest increase in Damage to Dwellings was in September.

A further analysis of the days in which these offences were committed is shown on Graph. 4 below.

Graph. 4 Day Analysis of DweUing Burglaries and Criminal Damage to Dwellings

#### Day Analysis of BAD and Damage to Dwellings

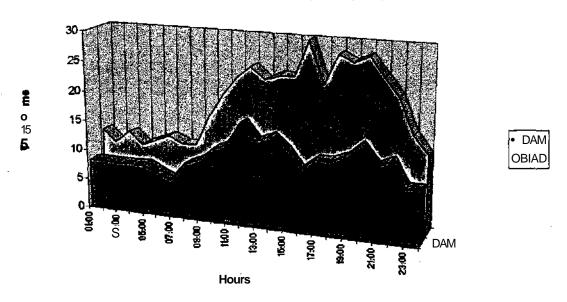


- The majority of the Dwelling Burglaries were committed on a Thursday, followed by Saturday and Sunday.
- The majority of the Damage offences were committed on a Monday.

A further analysis of the times at which these offences were committed is shown on Graph. 5 below.

Graph. 5 Time Analysis of Dwelling Burglaries and Criminal Damage to Dwellings

#### Time Analysis of BAD and Damage to Dwellings

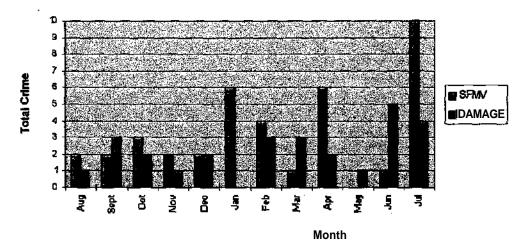


- The peak time at which Dwelling Burglaries have occurred is 1600.
- Overall the majority of offences are committed between 1200 and 2100.
- The majority of the Damage offences have occurred between 1200 and 1400 and between 1700 and 2300.

#### Stealing From Vehicles and Criminal Damage to Vehicles

#### Graph. 6 Monthly Analysis of Stealing from Motor Vehicles and Criminal Damage to Vehicles

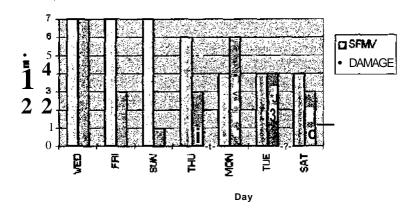
#### Month Analysis of SFMV and Damage to Vehicles



- The greatest amount of Stealing from Vehicles occurred in **July**, followed by January and April.
- The greatest amount of Damage to Vehicles occurred in **June**.

A further analysis of the days in which these offences were committed is shown on Graph. 7 below.

#### Day Analysis of SFMV and Damage to Vehicles

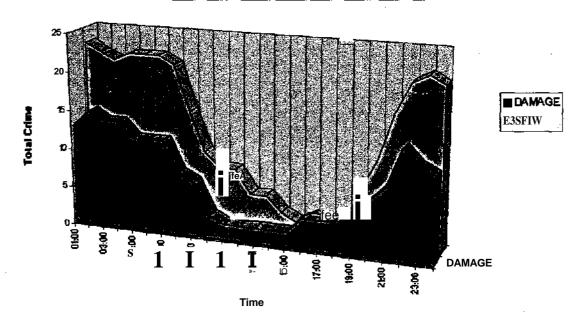


- S The majority of Stealing from Motor Vehicle offences have occurred on a Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- A The majority of Damage to Vehicle offences also have occurred on a Wednesday.

A further analysis of the times at which these offences were committed is shown on Graph. 8 below.

Graph. 8 Time Analysis of Stealing from Motor Vehicles and Criminal Damage tn Vehicles

#### Tfrne Analysis for SFMV and Damaae to Vehicle



- ft The majority of Stealing from Vehicles have been occurred between 2200 and 0800.
- ft The majority of Damage to Vehicle offences have occurred at the same times. This may indicate that many of the damages are infect attempts to break into cars.

#### Stealing Motor Vehicles

Graph. 9 Monthly Analysis of Theft of Vehicles

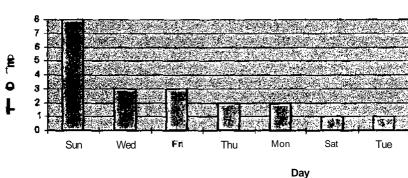


#### Month Analysis of SMV

- ft The majority of cars have been stolen over December,
- ft No cars were stolen in May, June, August and September.

A further analysis of the days in which these offences were committed is shown on Graph. 10 below.

Graph. 10 Day Analysis of Theft of Vehicles

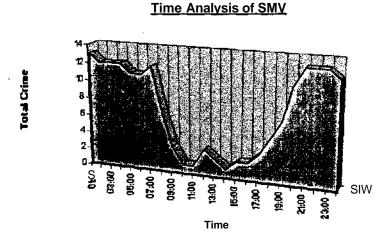


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ft The majority of cars were stolen on a Sunday. Stealing from Vehicle offences are also most prevalent on a Sunday.

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Graph. 11 Time Analysis of Theft of Vehicles

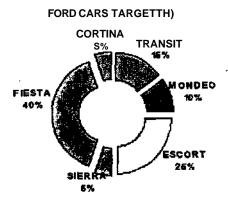


ft The majority of Vehicles have been stolen between 2100 and 0800. The majority of Stealing from Vehicle offences have also occurred between these times.

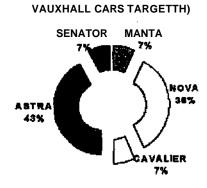
#### ANALYSIS OF VEHICLE TYPES

The car types which have been most targeted for SFMV, SMV and Criminal Damage to Vehicles in the Tanterton area during the last year are; Fords, Vauxhalls and Austins.

& Together FORDS (20), VAVXHALLS (13) AND AUSTINS (13) makeup 57% of all vehicles targeted in vehicle offences.

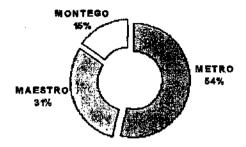


Looking at all vehicle crime overall, the model of FORD type car most likely to be targeted in Tanterton is a FORD FIESTA



Looking at all vehicle crime overall, the model of VAUXHALL type car most likely to be targeted in Tanterton is an ASTRA

#### AUSTIN CARS TARSETTB3



Looking at all vehicle crime overall, the model of AUSTIN type car most likely to be targeted in Tanterton is a METRO.

# INCIDENTS OF NUISANCE AND DISORDER TANTERON FOR THE PERIOD

#### 1/8/97 TO 31/7/98

Table 3: JUVENILE NUISANCE ON TANTERTON

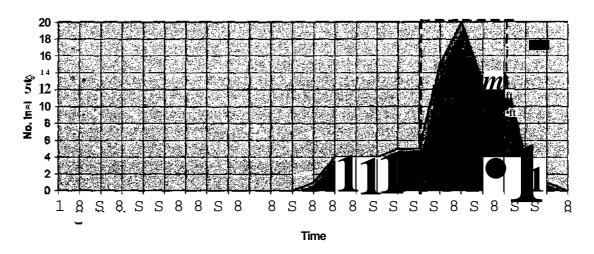
For the above period there have been a total of 249 recorded incidents of Juvenile Nuisance

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Sylvancroft	19
Village Green Lane	17
Tag Lane	16
Threefields	14
New Rough Hey	12
Turnfield	11
Tag Croft	10
Tom Benson Way	10
Hanover Court	8
Goldburn Close	7
Poole House Lane	5
Tanteron Hall Road	5
GolfView	2
Thistle Croft	2
West Avenue	2
Dukes Meadow	1
Marfield Close	1
New Links Avenue	1
Ambergate	0
Ashfield Court	0
Bowlingfield	0
Mason House Crescent	0
Sheraton Park	. 0
The Avenue	0

As shown above Kidsgrove has the highest number of reported incidents with 106, 90 of these incidents have occurred at the Spar Shop, however since the fire on the 14/06/98 there have only been 6 recorded juvenile incidents there. The main types of problems that have occurred at these premises are general juvenile nuisance, youths drinking (possibly underage) outside the premises, threats to customers, and climbing the wall at the rear of the store.

A breakdown of times that these incidents have occurred is shown below on Graph 12.

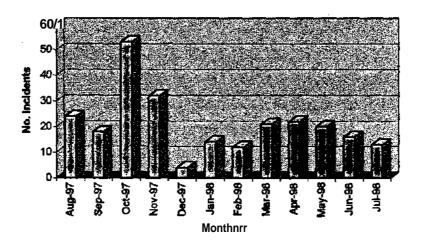
#### Time Analysis Juvenile Nuisance Spar Shop



As can be seen from the above incidents outside the store occurred mainly between the hours of 1700 hrs and 2100 hrs peaking at 1900 hrs.

All the incidents of Juvenile Nuisance were broken down into months to try and identify problem months when most incidents occur, (See Graph 13 below).

#### Breakdown of Juvenile Nuisance by Month



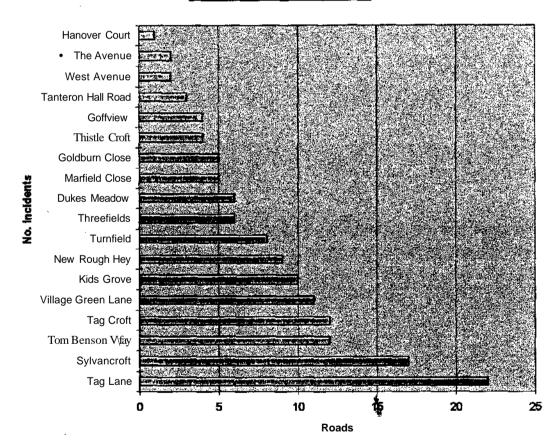
From the above it has identified that the problem months for this type of incident are October and November.

Other "Hot Spot" areas identified for Juvenile Nuisance are **Hanover Court** were the problem identified is youths damaging gardens on a number of occasions. **Poole House County Primary School** seems to have a problem particularly with children on the roof. Sylvancroft although the only detail recorded is juvenile nuisance nothing specific is given.

#### **SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS**

There have been a total of 139 reports of Suspicious Incidents these are split up as follows on Graph 14

#### Suspicious Incidents by Road



As can be seen from the above Tag Lane has the highest number of these type of incidents, however there is no specific area on Tag Lane where they have occurred. As with Juvenile Nuisance the Spar again features as being a problem with 9 reports, 3 of these have occurred since the 14/6/98, due to the type of incident we are not able to identify a specific problem as the category is so broad

#### **DISTURBANCE OTHER**

There have a been a total of 39 of these types of incidents these are broken down as follows on Table 4 below.

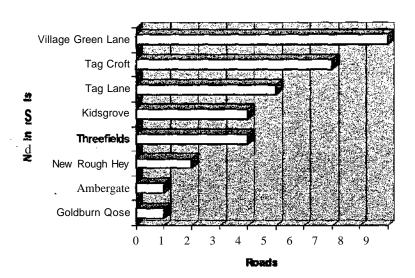
Kidsgrove	16
Village Green Lane	14
Threefields	12
Sylvancroft	10
Tag Croft	10
New Rough Hey	9
Thistle Croft	4
Goldbum Close	3
Tag Lane	3
Tanteron Hall Road	3
Turnfield	3
Marfield Close	3 3 3 3 2 0
Ambergate	
Ashfield Court	0
Bowlingfield	0
Dukes Meadow	0
Golfview	0
Hanover Court	0
Mason House Crescent	0
New Links Avenue	0
Poole House Lane	0
Sheraton Park	0
The Avenue	0
Tom Benson Way	0
West Avenue	0

Kidsgrove has again been identified as having the highest number of these types of incidents and a repeat location featuring again is the Spar Shop with 8 incidents, however only 2 have occurred since the 14/6/98. The type of incidents that occurred outside the shop are large groups of people gathering, tights, and bottles being thrown. Other possible "hot spot" areas are New Rough Hey and Threefields. The main types of complaints that feature are Noisy Neighbours mainly loud music being played.

#### **DRUNKEN PERSONS**

There have been a total of 33 reports of this type of incident these are broken down as follows on Graph 15 below.

#### **Drunken Persons by Road**



Village Green Lane has the highest number of these type of incidents, however this is only 9, The problem identified again is the Spar Shop with 2 calls for males drunk and fighting outside.

#### **STREET DISTURBANCE**

There have been a total of 24 reports of Street Disturbance. The types of problems range from fighting to noise complaints. The problem area identified again is the Spar Shop with 5 complaints 4 of these occurred after the 14/06/98. No other problems have been identified.

#### OTHER DISTURBANCE INCIDENTS

**Breach of the Peace** - for the 12 month period there have been 18 reports of Breach of the Peace, however no repeat calls have been identified.

#### **DOMESTIC INCIDENTS**

Non Violent - for the 12 month period there have been 47 reports of Non Violent Domestics

Violent Domestic - for the 12 month period there have been 22 reports of Violent Domestics

#### **Summary**

For the period analysed 1/8/97 to 31/7/98 there have been a total of 552 nuisance type incidents recorded in the following classes:-

Juvenile Nuisance	249
Suspicious Incidents	139
Disturbance Other	89
Drunken Persons	33
Street Disturbance	24
Breach of the Peace	18

A total of 114 of Ihese incidents have occurred at the "Spar Shop", however only 15 of these have occurred since the 14/06/98 when the shop was destroyed by fire.

#### **SUMMARY**

- 311 Crimes committed on Tanterton last year
- 249 Juvenile Nuisance Incidents on Tanterton last year
- 139 Suspicious Incidents on Tanterton last year
- 89 Disturbance Other on Tanterton last year

#### Top Roads where crime is committed:-

Village Green Lane

Kidsgrove

New Rough Hey

Tag Croft

#### Top Roads for Juvenile Nuisance:-

Village Green Lane

Kidsgrove

Sylvancroft

Tag Lane

• Village Green Lane and Kidsgrove causes the most problems in this area for the general public.

#### **TOD Crime Committed:**-

26% of all crime committed is Criminal Damage to Property including dwellings, cars and buildings

21% of all incidents occurred at the Spar Shop.

However since the Spar was destroyed by fire on the 14/06/9S the amount of incidents at the Spar Shop has reduced significantly to only 15.

#### Burglary in a Dwelling and Damage to Dwellings

- Over the year most dwelling burglaries occurred during the month of July
- Peak time for burglaries is 1600 hrs
- Overall the majority of dwelling burglaries and damage to dwellings occurred between 1200 hrs and 2300 hrs.

#### Stealing from Motor Vehicles and Damage to Vehicles

• Over the year both offences have occurred mainly between 2100 hrs and 0800 hrs

#### Car Types Likely to be Targeted

- Ford Fiestas
- Vauxhalls Astra
- · Austins Metro

#### DISORDER

- Problem months for Juvenile Nuisance are October and November
- Peak times are 1700 hrs and 2100 hrs amongst the Kidsgrove and Village Green Lane area

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- ⇒ The amount of crime and disorder is aided by the poor demographics and design of the area in particular the design of the "Spar Shop" with a car park at the rear where trouble is often not seen. If the "Spar Shop" is to be rebuilt consideration to these factors should be given.
- ⇒ CCTV monitoring around the SPAR and the Health Centre.
- ⇒ Target areas at times identified for crime and disorder to occur.
- Target offenders known to commit crime in areas of Tanterton. Gather intelligence on offenders especially known burglars and handlers of stolen property within the area.
- Further analysis on offenders living in the Tanterton area and juveniles causing nuisance in Tanterton.
- Consider partnership approaches with local councils and associations to help reduce the number of juvenile nuisance incidents.

#### APPENDIX. 1

Roads included in the analysis of the Tanterton Area

#### **ROAD NAME**

Village Green Lane

New Rough Hey

Kidsgrove

Tag Croft

Tag Lane

Thistlecroft

Sylvancroft

Turnfield

Threefields

Goldburn Close

Tanterton Hall Road

Marlfield Close

Bowlingfield

Tom Benson Way

Sheraton Park

**Hanover Court** 

**Dukes Meadow** 

Mason House Crescent

Golf View

Pool House Lane

Ambergate

The Avenue

West Avenue

Ashfield Court

New Links Avenue

