Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership which includes Willenhall Police, whg, Willenhall Fire Service, Walsall Council’s Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Integrated Young People’s Support Service alongside other partners and agencies have been working closely together to tackle community safety issues in your area.

Local policing news

Hello, I am Inspector Lisa Robson responsible for the Willenhall and Short Heath area.

I am committed to tackling issues and concerns that matter most to our local community and would like to tell you about some of the local initiatives in your area.

Our local priorities this autumn include anti-social behaviour related to darker nights particularly around New Invention Square, The Poets Estate and The Crescent. Other local priorities include burglaries related to domestic sheds in Short Heath and Willenhall North and Commercial/Industrial properties around Willenhall Town Centre.

We have seen positive local reductions in reported anti-social behaviour. Between 01 June 2013 and 1 October 2013 there was a decrease of 25% in Short Heath, 25% in Willenhall North and 15% in Willenhall South compared to the same period in 2012.

Our teams are working together to tackle these issues.

We really appreciate the support we receive from our local communities and would encourage anyone that has information about neighbourhood concerns to contact us. We take all calls seriously and value any information we receive.

Young PCSO scheme helping to tackle parking issues

Children are being seen AND heard thanks to the introduction of a Junior Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) scheme in Walsall this year.

Police officer, PC Paul Fisher and PCSO Suki Lally, from the Willenhall North and Short Heath Neighbourhood team, have specially trained 16 nine and ten-year-olds from Short Heath Junior School in Willenhall to be the borough’s first Junior PCSOs. The Junior PCSOs are helping the police to tackle parking issues outside their school.

The scheme is the first of its kind in the area. More pupils from New Invention and Short Heath Primary schools are being trained this autumn. Secondary pupils are also going to be enrolled in the scheme from Willenhall E-Act Academy.

Safer Walsall Question Time event in Willenhall

Willenhall residents had the opportunity to quiz senior officers from Walsall Council, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Service, Public Health and Social Landlords on the topics of community safety and anti-social behaviour at a Safer Walsall Question Time event in September at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School, Castle Drive, Willenhall.

ASB school roadshow

Walsall Council, Willenhall Police, West Midlands Fire Service and Walsall Housing Group are working together to reduce anti-social behaviour in Willenhall and Short Heath.

Roadshows were held in the summer term at Pool Hayes Arts and Community School and Willenhall E-Act Academy to talk to pupils about anti-social behaviour and offer them advice on how to keep safe and avoid possible dangers.
Willenhall clean up event hailed a success

More than 25 locals from Willenhall have taken part in a clean up of the area, with support from Walsall Council and its partners in New Invention back in August. This was one of three events held in the summer in Willenhall, Short Heath and New Invention.

Residents joined Walsall’s Integrated Young People Support Services (IYPSS), the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) team and local police in the project, which was overseen by the Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership.

After the clean up, a popular fun day with other local partner agencies was held for children and families.

Summer activities

Walsall Council’s Positive Activities Summer Programme for young people in Willenhall and Short Heath was a huge success with over 50 activities delivered by the Integrated Young People’s Support Service and Pool Hayes Community Association over the summer. This year multi-agency fun days also provided fun for all the family delivered by a variety of local services who contributed transport, staff and time to support local activities.

ASB Boot Camp

West Midlands Police and West Midlands Fire Service worked closely in partnership with the Willenhall Youth Team to deliver a two week ASB Boot Camp during the Summer Programme, which was directly aimed at reducing youth related ASB in the area. The boot camp helped to strengthen relationships, provide advice and involved visits to Walsall Police Station and Birmingham SafeSides fire safety resource.

Web chats

Inspector Lisa Robson has held a couple of live web chats recently. She talked to residents using a different type of communication channel about local priorities in Willenhall and Short Heath, including youth related anti-social behaviour, vehicle crime and inconsiderate parking in the area. Local partners have also shared their advice.