



Crime Reduction & Community Safety Group

Tilley Awards 2007

Application form

Please ensure that you have read the guidance before completing this form. **By making an application to the awards, entrants are agreeing to abide by the conditions laid out in the guidance.** Please complete the following form in full, **within the stated word limit and ensuring the file size is no more than 1MB.** Failure to do so will result in your entry being rejected from the competition.

Completed application forms should **be e-mailed to tilleyawards07@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk**

All entries must be received by noon on **Friday 27th April 2007**. No entries will be accepted after this time/date. Any queries on the application process should be directed to Alex Blackwell on 0207 035 4811. Any queries regarding publicity of the awards should be directed to Chaz Akoshile on 0207 035 1589.

Section 1: Details of application

Title of the project: **Pendle Fishing Buddies**

Name of force/agency/CDRP/**CSP**: **Lancashire Constabulary**

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If known please state in which Government Office area you are located e.g. Government Office North West, Government Office London etc:

Name of endorsing senior representatives(s): **Acting Deputy Chief Constable Mr Adrian Mc Allister**

Name of organisation, position and/or rank of endorsing senior representatives(s): **Acting Deputy Chief Constable – HQ Corporate Services Directorate**

Full address of endorsing senior representatives(s): **LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PO BOX 77, HUTTON, PRESTON, LANCS PR4 5SB**

Please tick box to indicate that all organisations involved in the project have been notified of this entry (this is to prevent duplicate entries of the same project):

Section 2: Summary of application

In no more than 400 words please use this space to describe your project (see guidance for more information).

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

“We’ve got nothing to do and nowhere to go” - How many times have you heard that one?

The Pendle Fishing Buddies Angling Club (PFBAC) was set up to influence young people’s behaviour in a bid to reduce the incidents and problems associated with Criminal Damage, Anti-Social-Behaviour (ASB) and youth nuisance, which historically increase during the school summer holiday period, extended from 6 to 9 weeks in the Pendle area of Lancashire in 2006.

The last thing the police wanted was to be seen to be ‘rewarding bad behaviour’ and so young people from different backgrounds were referred to the scheme from various agencies. Some were known to the police for being involved in ‘low level’ crime and ASB and were targeted through the youth referral scheme. However, just as many were referred by schools, parents and the police for community involvement or for achievements at school. This enabled individuals from different social backgrounds to interact with peers that they may have normally avoided, breaking down social barriers and stereotyping.

Funding for the project was provided by various partner agencies and initially three ‘Kingfisher’ courses were held at the Newrad fishery in Darwen, with 12 anglers on each course, aged eight to sixteen years. The courses covered various fishing techniques, health and safety and environmental issues, culminating in successful participants receiving a nationally recognised certificate.

From a police perspective it was just as important to build a relationship with the young people and for them to see the police in a ‘different light’. During the forty minute drive to and from the venue the participants were able to ask questions of the police and volunteers, who answered in a constructive way, explaining why certain offences may lead to consequences that the young people would not have considered.

During June, July and August 2006 the scheme contributed to an average reduction in all crime and Criminal Damage of 49% and 68% respectively.

The ‘Kingfisher’ courses gave us the basis to set up what is now the PFBAC. Since the courses, further coaching has taken place in the classroom and on the canal and riverbank. A presentation evening was held, which attracted more than 100 members, family and friends. The scheme continues to attract new members and will hopefully influence the behaviour of future generations for years to come.

‘Engagement & Deviation, Tight Lines & Good Times’

Section 3: Description of project

Describe the project in no more than 4000 words (see guidance for more information *in particular Section 7 - judging criteria*).

SCANNING

Problem

For several years an organisation known as 'Active Futures' was responsible for organising youth activities in the West Craven area of Pendle during the school summer holidays, which included workshops in arts and crafts, sports/coaching events and trips away etc. Unfortunately in 2006 the funding for this project was withdrawn and a new organisation was set up named 'Bright Sparks' which covered the whole of the Pendle area. Due to financial restrictions they were only able to organise activities for five weeks of the school summer holiday period, which was extended in 2006 from six to nine weeks.

School holidays traditionally show a marked increase in the incidents of youth nuisance, under age drinking and anti-social behaviour, with an associated rise in criminal damage and alcohol related crime. This, along with the fact that the school holiday period had been extended and there was to be a substantial reduction in the provision of youth activities, gave the real potential for an increase in these types of incidents with the associated extra victims and police and partner's workload during this period.

Confirmed By

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) surgeries and panel meetings have become a great forum for local residents to express their concerns about issues that affect their day to day life and for police and member partners to address those issues. Youth nuisance, anti social behaviour, under aged drinking and associated crime were shown to be of great concern to the local communities within Pendle, were rarely off the agenda at local area committee meetings and were always an issue raised at PACT surgeries and panel meetings. On a day to day basis, issues and concerns were raised to local Neighbourhood Policing (NHP) teams, Councillors, The Chamber of Trade and local schools.

Potential problems

- Under age drinking
- Alcohol poisoning/injury/death
- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Criminal damage
- Harassment

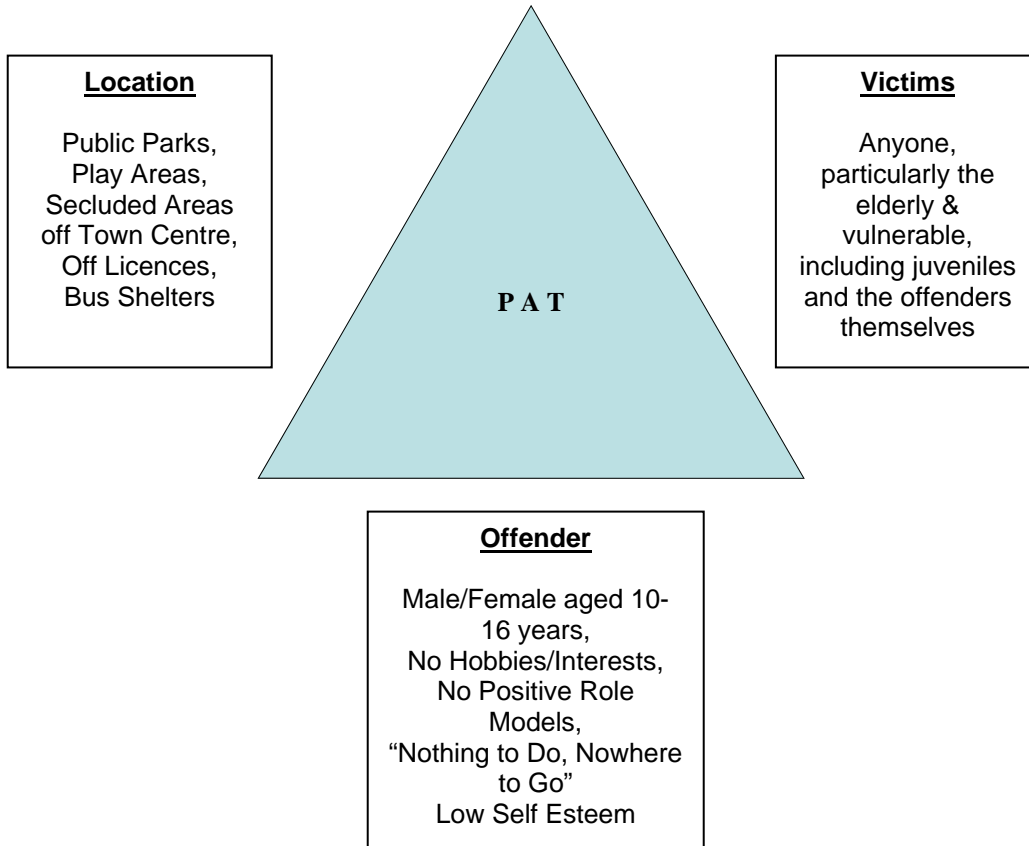


Specific problems

- Alcohol related illness/sickness and injury
- Lack of organised activities
- Damage to shop premises
- Graffiti
- Harassment of adult customers
- Intimidation/perceived intimidation of members of the public and peers

ANALYSIS

Problem Analysis Triangle (PAT)



Location

The majority of the locations identified had similar features in that they were relatively secluded and offered shelter. Those areas that were not secluded included those outside off licence and shop premises, where residents were often approached and asked by persons under age to purchase alcohol. If that person refused they then found themselves the victim of abuse and intimidation. In the West Craven area the majority of locations were outside the range of a recently introduced CCTV system.

Victims

PACT surgeries were held in a variety of locations to gauge feelings from a wide range of residents. In particular surgeries were regularly held at a pensioners club, the town centres and a local high school, which enabled the police to speak to wide range of people from different generations and social backgrounds. It was interesting to note that not only those members of society that most people would regard as vulnerable, such as the elderly and infirm were affected by ASB, but also young people themselves were often frightened and intimidated by the behaviour of their peers. Of course it was important to realise that the offenders themselves often became the victims of their own behaviour, particularly when alcohol was involved.

Offenders

The main offenders were generally male, although not exclusively, aged 10-16 years and were known to the police and other agencies such as the Group Intervention Panel (GRIP) for being involved in ASB and youth nuisance. Most had already been informally warned by the police, had been subject of a referral to the youth offending team and/or been issued with an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC). Offenders also lacked contact with adults and other communities, had no positive role models, often came from single parent families, lacked self confidence, self discipline, discipline at home and had low self esteem. Most were reliant on others to organise their time for them and without fail, when questioned about their behaviour replied words to the effect of; "There's nothing to do and nowhere to go"

RESPONSE

Under age drinking, ASB, youth nuisance and associated crime is an all year round problem. However, as described, these problems historically increase during long holiday periods. This along with the reduction in the provision of youth activities in 2006 made this almost a certainty. Much had been done in the area regarding the **locations**, CCTV systems being standard in most town centres. In the West Craven area landscaping was carried out in public parks, large trees and bushes were cut down or removed to reduce secluded dark areas and old shelters used to 'stash' alcohol reserves were removed. In this particular instance, due to the wide range of **victims** being affected by this problem it was difficult to 'remove' the victim from the PAT and so it was decided the response would concentrate on the **offenders** and that comment "There's nothing to do and nowhere to go"

Fishing is one of the highest participation sports in the country, research carried out by the National Federation of Anglers (NFA) and the Environment Agency showed that 20 per cent of children aged 12-16 had gone fishing in the past two years and another 20 per cent would like to go fishing. Further evidence has showed that fishing benefits children both physically and mentally. It gets them outdoors, makes them aware of their natural environment and helps them to focus and concentrate. It was therefore decided in the short term to introduce as many young people to the sport of fishing as possible throughout the summer holidays in 2006 and then for the longer term, to follow this with the setting up of Angling Clubs (AC's) to maintain and support the interest. The main aims and objectives of this initiative was;

Short Term – Summer Holidays 2006

- To obtain five thousand pounds worth of funding to fund the following;
- Three 'kingfisher' coaching courses consisting of 5 half days with 12 participants on each course, at the end of which, if successful, the participant receives the kingfisher award certificate which is a nationally recognised certificate, endorsed by the NFA and a brand new fishing outfit.
- The purchase of 10 sets of coarse fishing equipment, that young people, suitably qualified (i.e. kingfisher award) can borrow out on a daily basis for a small amount to cover service and up keep of the equipment.

Mid Term – Winter 2006/Spring 2007

- To then set up fully constituted 'Buddies' angling clubs in the main towns throughout Pendle
- To organise competitions, events and 'days away'
- To maintain the interest of members with further coaching, evening talks and presentations
- To organise an end of season awards ceremony

Long Term – Spring/Summer 2007 to ???

- Set up junior and senior committees responsible for obtaining funding, organising further events/competitions, promoting the club and encouraging further members, giving responsibility to the members for their future
- Mentoring, further qualifications, ownership & responsibility
- **To continue to influence young people's future behaviour and in doing so reduce the reported incidents of Criminal Damage, Youth Nuisance, ASB & Disorder.**

Engagement & Deviation, Tight Lines & Good Times

RESPONSE Cont'd

What We Did

Funding for the project was applied for and obtained from various partner agencies and initially three 'Kingfisher' courses were held at the Newrad fishery in Darwen, with 12 anglers on each course, aged eight to sixteen years. The courses covered various fishing techniques, health and safety and environmental issues, culminating in successful participants receiving a nationally recognised certificate.

The last thing the police wanted was to be seen to be rewarding bad behaviour and so young people were referred to the scheme from various agencies such as GRIP and from different backgrounds. Some were known to the police for being involved in 'low level' crime and ASB, but just as many were referred by schools, parents and the police for doing something positive in the community or for doing well at school. This enabled individuals from different social backgrounds to interact with peers that they may have normally avoided, breaking down social barriers and stereotyping.

From a police perspective it was just as important to build a relationship with the young people and for them to see the police in a 'different light'. During the forty minute drive to and from the venue the participants were able to ask questions of the police and volunteers, who answered in a constructive way, explaining why certain offences may lead to consequences that the young people would not have considered.

Ten sets of fishing equipment were purchased for use by the participants after completing the course to maintain their interest and enthusiasm and the Pendle Fishing Buddies Angling Club (PFBAC) was set up under the constitution of the West Craven Youth Action Group. After all three courses were completed further coaching was held on the canal and river banks and in the classroom over winter. In October 2006 an end of season awards ceremony was held in Barnoldswick Civic Hall, over one hundred people attended including club members, parents, friends and family.

Days away on the river Ribble have been provided by Martin James, presenter of BBC radio Lancashire's 'At The Water's Edge' programme over the winter and up until the end of season in March 2007. Throughout the project Martin has been of tremendous help and support, promoting the club on his BBC Radio Lancashire show 'At The Waters Edge', giving prizes and just as importantly, his own time to speak to club members about his angling exploits. His enthusiasm and angling skill is infectious and cannot fail to increase a young angler's skill and dedication to the sport.

ASSESSMENT

Partner Aims & Objectives Achieved?

Geoff Whitehead-Community Safety Manager;

"We based our whole approach for the Local Area Grants Scheme on a problem solving methodology which required applications to analyse the problems they were seeking to resolve and be clear about how their scheme would achieve the outcomes outlined. **I visited the scheme as part of ongoing appraisal and was impressed with the quality of the work, the excellent relationships between Police, local volunteers and the young people themselves.** The scheme was genuinely picking up and engaging young people who had been identified as being problematical or on the edge of anti social behaviour and others as well to create a viable group. **The scheme produced tangible outcomes and a long term legacy which I think is really exciting and one which could be replicated elsewhere**".

ASSESSMENT Cont'd

David Whipp, Chairman of the Pendle Community Safety Partnership;

"The innovative 'Fishing Buddies' project is a great success. The Community Safety Partnership helped fund the scheme as it fitted well with our strategy. In particular, it met one of our priority aims in 2006, which was to address potential problems stemming from the unusually long nine week summer school holiday break. **The novel approach was very effective at providing diversionary activities during the summer holiday period and has had a lasting legacy with the continuing involvement of children in the scheme.** It is a model that would be well worthwhile replicating elsewhere."

Margaret Bell, Chairman of Pendle Council's West Craven Area Committee;

"Fishing Buddies has had a very positive impact. **Councillors noted less calls about youth related nuisance during the holidays.** There has also been a wider benefit from the young people involved being seen in a positive light, this has helped with cohesion between young people and others in the community."

Police Aims & Objectives Achieved?

	<u>Pendle Borough – All Crime</u>			<u>West Craven – All Crime</u>			<u>Criminal Damage</u>		
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Jun	Jul	Aug	Jun	Jul	Aug
2005	691	768	756	113	88	93	56	33	31
2006	654	552	611	63	48	39	19	9	10
%	-5	-28	-19	-44	-45	-58	-66	-72	-67

Crime figures taken from the Lancashire Constabulary's MADE database

These figures show a significant decrease in crime in all areas, considering that the school summer holidays were increased from six to nine weeks during this period in 2006. Separate figures have been shown for the West Craven area of Pendle, as these show the greatest percentage reduction overall, particularly in criminal damage, which historically, shows a marked increase during school holidays. The greater percentage reduction for the West Craven area is probably due to the fact that this project was instigated by the neighbourhood policing team for that area, who referred the majority of the participants.

Participant and club member quotes

"Thanks to all the people who organised it and I would like it organised again"

"Thank you for a great time 10/10"

"It gave me pleasure and practice of my favourite sport and I was with my friends"

"It kept us out of bother during the summer holidays"

"IS IT TIME TO GO HOME YET" (PC HYDE!)

ASSESSMENT Cont'd

CASE STUDIES
As of 18th Feb 2007

Male aged 14 from Burnley , one of several young people referred to the 'Fishing Buddies' scheme by Neil Baxter of the Group Intervention Panel (GRIP).

First came to the notice of the police when involved with a group of youths in the alleged theft of tyres. Was a follower and easily influenced by peers. Parents divorced with no male role model, father an alcoholic and un-co-operative with agencies attempting to help. Mother working hard at home and studying at college to obtain qualifications. Had no guidance in the appropriate use of leisure time and had no one to relate to.

One of the main aims of GRIP was to address the issue of use of spare time and as Neil Baxter from the GRIP team stated;

"Fishing Buddies came at a very opportune time for me and other agencies working with young people, as the summer of 2006 was becoming something of a worry due to the fact that the school holidays were to be extended to a 9 week period"

Attended 'Kingfisher' course 2 and with support, guidance and help was a model member of the course.

THE YOUNG PERSON REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE HAS NOT COME TO THE NOTICE OF THE AUTHORITIES SINCE THIS INTERVENTION.

Male aged 13, consistently and regularly involved in ASB and youth nuisance since the age of 10.

Three youth referrals submitted during February & March 2006 as follows;

Library staff reported 3 youths causing trouble at the Library and when challenged they became abusive.
Group of youths throwing stones on a public street.

Owner of launderette reported youths entering the launderette in the evenings playing football, intimidating customers and interfering with equipment

Male aged 13 with ADHD, consistently in trouble at school and regularly involved in ASB and youth nuisance since the age of 11. Referred to the Group Intervention Panel (GRIP) by the school.

Two youth referrals submitted between January & April 2006 as follows;

For the purposes of referral to GRIP.

Group of youths ran from police officer after a small fire discovered on waste ground.

THE YOUTHS IN THE ABOVE STATED CASES BOTH ATTENDED 'KINGFISHER COURSES' , HAVE CONTINUED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE PFBAC AND HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO BECOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Funding

Funding was provided by the following organisations/private individuals;

- LANPAC
- Pendle Community Safety Partnership
- Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund
- LCC
- United Co-Operative
- Mrs Marion Pacey
- Mr Stephen Matterson
- Mr & Mrs Rigby

Other Partners

Other partners included the following;

- Newrad Fishery Darwen
- Group Intervention Panel – GRIP
- Dave Richardson – Youth Engagement Colne
- British Waterways Board – Leeds/Liverpool Canal
- Local High School(s)
- Local Volunteers
- Martin James – BBC Radio Lancashire's 'At The Waters Edge'



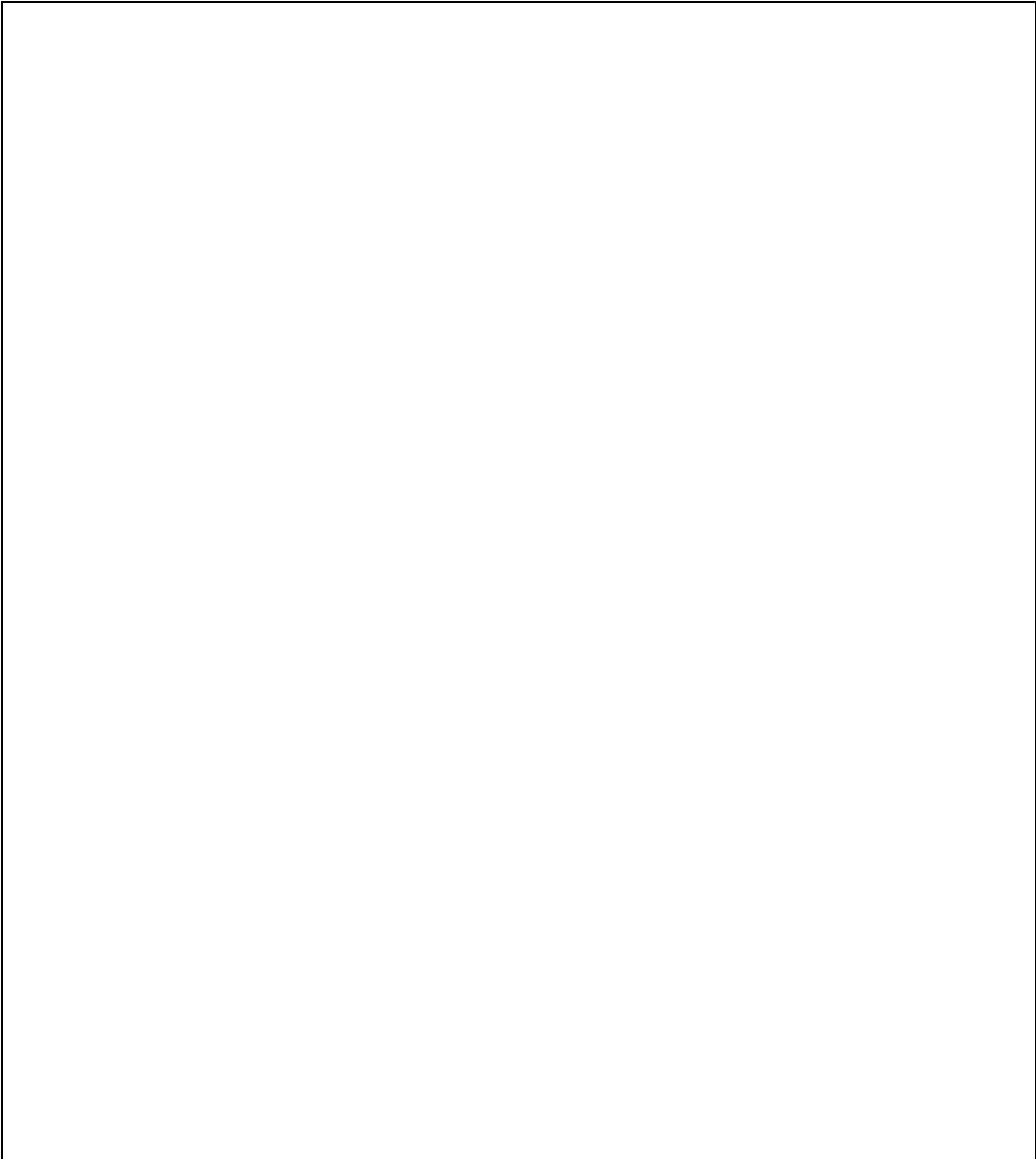
The Future?

The PFBAC now has over 50 members and they have secured funding for 2007 to run further 'Kingfisher' coaching courses. It is now hoped that the club will grow and go from strength to strength, introduce more beginners to fishing and generally promote the wonderful sport of angling throughout Pendle. Let's hope that along the way we can engage with young people, promote respect in both directions, influence young people's behaviour and at the same time give less chance for young people to say, "We've got nothing to do and nowhere to go".

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Section 4: Endorsement by Senior Representative

Please insert letter from endorsing representative:



Checklist for Applicants:

1. Have you read the process and application form guidance?
2. Have you completed all four sections of the application form in full including the endorsement from a senior representative?
3. Have you checked that your entry addresses all aspects of the judging criteria?
4. Have you advised all partner agencies that you are submitting an entry for your project?

5. Have you adhered to the formatting requirements within the guidance?
6. Have you checked whether there are any reasons why your project should **not** be publicised to other police forces, partner agencies and the general public?
7. Have you saved you application form as a PDF attachment and entitled your message 'Entry for Tilley Awards 2007' before emailing it?

Once you are satisfied that you have completed your application form in full please **email it to Tilleyawards07@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk**. Two hard copies must also be posted to Alex Blackwell at Home Office, Effective Practice, Support & Communications Team, 6th Floor, Peel Building (SE Quarter), 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.