



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: Burbank Initiative

Name of force/agency/CDRP/**CSP**: Safer Hartlepool Partnership

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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):

Name of organisation, position and/or rank of endorsing senior representatives(s):
Supt S. Lawson

Full address of endorsing senior representatives(s):

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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).

Burbank is an area of Hartlepool with a population of around 900 people and 450 households. The area was indicative of many deprived areas, suffering from high levels of crime and drug misuse and an even higher fear of crime. The area reflected a lack of community cohesion and quality of life issues including anti-social behaviour, the run-down nature of the environment and a lack of community facilities. These issues had inevitably led to an image of the area as an undesirable place to live and a lack of confidence in the police and partner agencies.

Due to the concentration of issues in the area, the 'Burbank Project' was launched in April 2004 to tackle the problems in a holistic fashion, making use of Home Office Police Priority Area funding.

The key objective of the project was the reduce crime levels and the fear of crime. However, the opportunity was also taken to address the wider environmental and quality of life issues. The underlying aim was to improve the quality of life for local residents, increase confidence in the police and partner agencies and achieve long term sustainability through community ownership of the area.

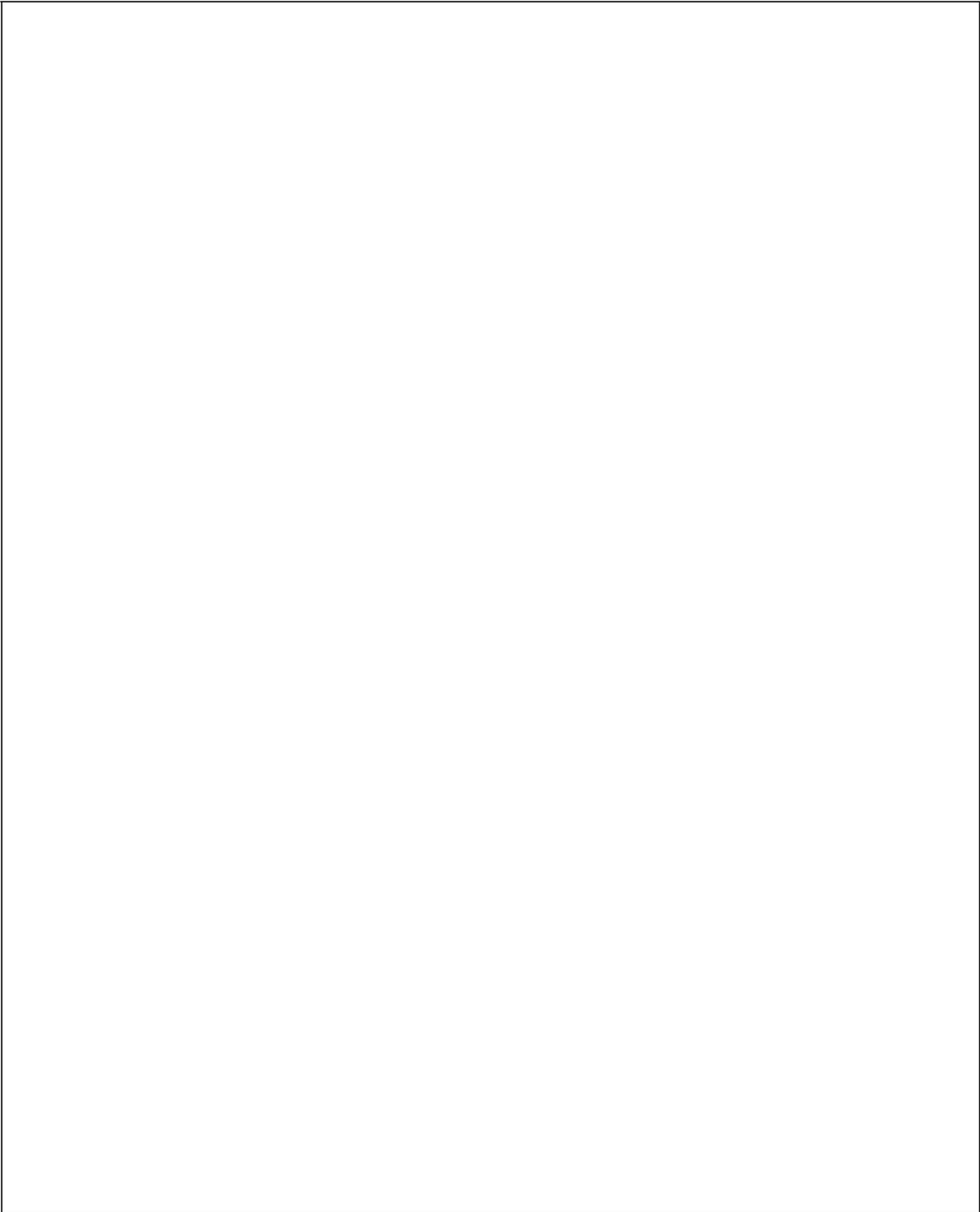
The project included the identification of 1 PC and 2 PCSO's with ownership and responsibility for the area. These officers worked alongside the community and partners under the guidance of a project co-ordinator. The officers worked hard to engage with the local community but were also responsible for targeting drug dealing on the estate, resulting in the first Crack House closure in Hartlepool. Extensive target hardening was undertaken and a range of environmental improvements were implemented, supported by a 'Cleansweep' operation by the local authority, removing litter and graffiti and cleaning up the whole area. Disparate resident groups were brought together to form a very active and influential forum with specific training provided. This forum was at the heart of further initiatives to improve the area including the establishment of a local food co-operative, a community garden and a new multi-use sports facility.

The evaluation of the project found that the key objectives of reducing crime and the fear of crime had been met. The quality of life for all residents was improved and anti-social behaviour was reduced. More importantly, this success has been sustained, the image of the area has changed and lasting relationships have been built between agencies and the community.

Section 3: Description of project

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.



TILLY APPLICATION

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LIST OF APPENDICES

- 1 Burbank Area Survey January 2003**
- 2 Evaluation Report**
- 3 Project Milestones**
- 4 Community Safety Project Plan**

BURBANK AREA SURVEY – JANUARY 2003

In total, 104 completed questionnaires were returned.

Whilst most respondents answered all of the questions on the questionnaire, occasionally people missed or chose not to answer a question. The percentages quoted in the tables are based on the number of respondents who answered each question.

TABLE 1 Q1 – How safe you feel walking alone in neighbourhood after dark.

	%	Number of respondents
Very safe	-	(-)
Fairly safe	12	(13)
A bit unsafe	26	(27)
Very unsafe	42	(44)
Don't know/don't go out alone	19	(20)
TOTALS	99	(104)

TABLE 2 Q2 – How safe you feel walking alone in neighbourhood during the day.

	%	Number of respondents
Very safe	4	(4)
Fairly safe	40	(42)
A bit unsafe	31	(32)
Very unsafe	23	(24)
Don't know/don't go out alone	2	(2)
TOTALS	100	(104)

TABLE 3 Q3 – How safe you feel in your own home at NIGHT

	%	Number of respondents
Very safe	11	(12)
Fairly safe	38	(40)
A bit unsafe	28	(29)
Very unsafe	21	(22)
Don't know	1	(1)
TOTALS	99	(104)

TABLE 4 Q4 – How safe you feel in your own home during the DAY

	%	Number of respondents
Very safe	17	(18)
Fairly safe	58	(60)
A bit unsafe	14	(15)
Very unsafe	10	(10)
Don't know	1	(1)
TOTALS	100	(104)

TABLE 5 Q5a – How worried you are about having your home broken into and something stolen

	%	Number of respondents
Very worried	68	(67)
Fairly worried	24	(24)
Neither worried nor not worried	2	(2)
Not very worried	5	(5)
Not at all worried	1	(1)
Don't know	-	(-)
TOTALS	100	(99)

TABLE 6 Q5b – How worried you are about being mugged or robbed

	%	Number of respondents
Very worried	56	(54)
Fairly worried	33	(32)
Neither worried nor not worried	3	(3)
Not very worried	6	(6)
Not at all worried	2	(2)
Don't know	-	(-)
TOTALS	100	(97)

TABLE 7 Q5c – How worried you are about having your car stolen

	%	Number of respondents
Very worried	48	(32)
Fairly worried	15	(10)
Neither worried nor not worried	4	(3)
Not very worried	3	(2)
Not at all worried	12	(8)
Don't know	18	(12)
TOTALS	100	(67)

TABLE 8 Q5d – How worried you are having things stolen from your car

	%	Number of respondents
Very worried	43	(29)
Fairly worried	22	(15)
Neither worried nor not worried	5	(3)
Not very worried	3	(2)
Not at all worried	10	(7)
Don't know	16	(11)
TOTALS	99	(67)

TABLE 9 Q6 – Have you been a victim of any of these crimes in the last 12 months.

	%	Number of respondents
Theft of a vehicle	5	(5)
Attempted theft of a vehicle	12	(13)
Theft of belongings from a vehicle	15	(16)
Attempted burglary of home	9	(9)
Robbery (including mugging)	5	(5)
Other *	11	(11)
Prefer not to reveal	3	(3)
No crimes in last 12 months	49	(51)
Base = No of respondents	-	(104)

* **Other** – vandalism (1); driven out of home (1); harassment (1); garden/outdoor items stolen (2); feeling that someone has been in house (1); violence (1); windows broken (1); car windows broken (1); damage to property (1); stone throwing/anti-social stuff (1).

TABLE 10 Q7a – Is your area affected by litter

	%	Number of respondents
Very bad	51	(49)
Fairly bad	28	(27)
Not too bad	17	(16)
Okay	2	(2)
Don't know	2	(2)
TOTALS	100	(96)

TABLE 11 Q7b – Is your area affected by graffiti

	%	Number of respondents
Very bad	12	(10)
Fairly bad	35	(28)
Not too bad	36	(29)
Okay	16	(13)
Don't know	1	(1)
TOTALS	100	(81)

TABLE 12 Q7c – Is your area affected by drug litter (e.g. discarded needles)

	%	Number of respondents
Very bad	36	(31)
Fairly bad	23	(20)
Not too bad	15	(13)
Okay	6	(5)
Don't know	20	(17)
TOTALS	100	(86)

TABLE 13 Q7d – Is your area affected by people dealing drugs

	%	Number of respondents
Very bad	62	(60)
Fairly bad	13	(13)
Not too bad	5	(5)
Okay	2	(2)
Don't know	17	(16)
TOTALS	99	(96)

TABLE 14 Q7e – Is your area affected by many run down properties

	%	Number of respondents
Very bad	29	(23)
Fairly bad	23	(18)
Not too bad	29	(23)
Okay	9	(7)
Don't know	9	(7)
TOTALS	99	(78)

TABLE 14 Q7e – Is your area affected by many empty houses

	%	Number of respondents
Very bad	33	(27)
Fairly bad	23	(19)
Not too bad	24	(20)
Okay	8	(7)
Don't know	11	(9)
TOTALS	99	(82)

TABLE 15 Q8 – Three things that would improve your area.

	%	Number of respondents
Less drugs in area	71	(74)
Reduce crime	64	(67)
Get rid of rubbish/litter	39	(41)
Improved shop facilities	28	(29)
Cutting down overgrown bushes	26	(27)
Less empty properties	26	(27)
Reduce noise/disturbance	20	(21)
Improve traffic problems	7	(7)
Others *	6	(6)
Base = No. of respondents	-	(104)

* **Others** – Dog fouling/dogs running loose (2); police patrols (1); get smack dealing out of the area (1); stop residents having caravans in gardens and allowing people to live in them (2); turn the green at Whitby Grove into a car park for residents, also drs, ambulance, fire brigade (1); easier access to shopping centre – 3 busy roads to cross, difficult for elderly pple and mothers with children.

TABLE 16 Q9 – Three things that should be provided in your area.

	%	Number of respondents
CCTV cameras	73	(76)
Better home security	49	(51)
Better lighting	36	(37)
More neighbourhood watch schemes	34	(35)
Better play area for children	33	(34)
More facilities for young people	29	(30)
Better upkeep of green spaces	16	(17)
Improve community activities	7	(7)
Others *	7	(7)
Base = No. of respondents	-	(104)

* **Other** – Less trouble from gangs of youths (scum) who use streets as open air disco and torture old people with noise (1);

If residents could rely on a police response it may cure the “them and us” divide. (1);

Get rid of drug dealers in Burbank St/the area - the police know them (2)

Dog wardens to come round (1);

Moving on of street gangs. Social services to deal with problem families – the ones everyone knows about on their patch. Junkies not allowed to keep kids. Ban drinking and dealing in public (1);

Get rid of local drug dealers in the area, particularly those squatting close by who are regularly shop looting to pay for their habit but not any rent (1).