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Crime Reduction & Community Safety Group

Tilley Awards 2008 Application form

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Completed application forms should be e-mailed to tilleyawards08@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

All entries must be received by noon on **Friday 25th April 2008**. 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.

Section A: Application basics

1. Title of the project: 'The Making Communities Safer Group'

2. Key issue that the project is addressing e.g. Alcohol related violence:

Specific crime types which the community , statistics, intelligence and other evidence suggest the need for extra focus e.g. Alcohol related violence, criminal damage, burglary, anti-social behavior etc.

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13. For all entries from England & Wales please state which Government Office or Welsh Assembly Government your organisation is covered by e.g. GO East Midlands:
Eastern Region @Cambridge.
14. Please mark this box with an X 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 B: Summary of application - In no more than 400 words use this space to provide a summary of your project under the stated headings (see guidance for more information).

Scanning:

The 'Making Communities Safer Group' has two functions, one is to monitor the CDRP British Crime Survey Targets & come up with Actions to address any shortfall in performance & the other to create Actions in response to priorities received from the NAP's & other community groups. The NAP's are the new 'Neighbourhood Action Panels' set up as part of the Neighbourhood Policing agenda to ensure local police engage with their communities. At NAP meetings the local residents tell the police what their concerns are for the immediate area. The Group is Multi Agency and acts as a problem solving forum/tasking group i.e. a joint action group (JAG)

Analysis:

The second function is the detailed analysis of the problem by a Police Researcher & others together with full analysis by the Group when they meet each month. The concept & work of the Making Communities Safer Group has been highlighted by both Essex Police & Regional Office as best practice.

Response:

The response is a series of actions around the BCS target & the priorities submitted from the NAPs.

Assessment:

Each month the Group look at the actions from the previous month to check what was done & the cause/effect. If necessary additional agencies are brought on board to assist as and when required.

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Section C: Description of project - Describe the project in no more than 4,000 words. Please refer to the full guidance for more information on what the description should cover, in particular section 11.

Scanning:

The Making Communities Safer Group has been in operation for almost three years having been created originally as a Multi- Agency Group to monitor the CDRP's British Crime Survey Targets set by Government. 'Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle' was a major issue in the District and under the BCS target we had three years to reduce it by 24%. This was made all the more difficult as this type of crime had been falling for several years. In recent months the Group has evolved to take on the work of a Joint Action Group (JAG) which can analyse the priorities coming from the NAP's & other Community Groups and then try to find solutions to the various problems identified. The NAP's are the new 'Neighbourhood Action Panels' set up as part of the Neighbourhood Policing agenda to ensure local police engage with their communities. At NAP meetings the local residents tell the police what their concerns are for the immediate area. More often than not the priorities that come out of the NAP's are totally different to those monitored under the British Crime Survey basket of crimes. e.g. unauthorised parking, dog fouling etc. The Group meet once a month and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams & other Agencies bring their current issues/priorities to the Group for a Multi Agency response. The format has been very successful in bringing the Police Teams & Partnership Members together to provide that joint working which has so many advantages. Current membership of the Group consists of Police Inspectors from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Police Community Safety Manager, Council Community Safety Manager, Neighbourhood Wardens, Local Anti Social Behaviour Team, Essex Fire & Rescue Service, the Basildon Quality Taxi Partnership, Basildon NHS Hospital, local abandoned Vehicle Officer, Parks Department, Essex County Council Lighting Department and Housing Associations. All agencies give prior warning of the issues to be discussed & analysed at each meeting so that the Chair & Vice Chair can consider whether additional members need co-opting onto the group for that particular meeting.

Basildon has a history of working in partnership (since 1989 on a voluntary basis) before the Crime & Disorder Act came into force which has fuelled a much greater understanding and trust on the positive aspects of Multi-Agency working.

In respect of the first function of the Making Communities Safer Groups remit the data used is mostly from Police as its focused on monitoring the British Crime Survey Crime types. At the meetings themselves other agencies generally give a certain level of evidence from their own organisations day to day working that reflects and supports the Police data. As an example the Anti-Social Behaviour Team give numbers of incidents reported to them, Essex Fire and Rescue Service list numbers of burnt out vehicles and malicious fires.

However, in respect of the second function of the Making Communities Safer Group deals with, the issues raised come straight from the local communities via the NAP's or Community Forums. Data is then compiled to evidence that the issues raised are supported by facts rather than just opinion. In most cases the issues raised are normally known to be genuine causes for complaint and are therefore easily evidenced by all the Agencies present at the meeting. Sometimes these issues are problems that have been around for some considerable time e.g.:- Anti Social Behaviour by young people hanging around the local shops intimidating the residents and causing a nuisance. It is essential that whenever we get a new priority the first thought is to ensure we have all the right players around the table as mentioned above.

Analysis:

First Function.

Analysis in respect of the British Crime Survey targets is carried out each month by the local police researcher who downloads all the crimes for the previous month thus keeping the statistics constantly up to date. Having downloaded all the crimes each strand of the BCS target is then analysed to ascertain which individual crime types are on target or below target. When this is completed any crime types that are under target are then written up in full detail for the information of the group. The Making Communities Safer pack is unique within the County in that it gives a much more focused approach to the current crime and as a result has been highlighted by Essex Police as best practice within the County. Each crime type is drilled down into to show such detail as :- location to within an exact street or car park, time of reported crime, day of week, property stolen, victims age and ethnic identity, suffix numbers of vehicles, make, model and colour. In addition, where the crime is vehicle related a chart is prepared to show trends for theft of and theft from motor vehicles so that the group can easily identify which vehicles are being targeted. Over the years this has proved very useful as local crime has tended to indicate a certain level of vehicle is being targeted. I.e. Red Ford Fiesta with a U or V suffix in most areas of the District. An example of the format is shown below which shows the numbers of vehicles stolen for the preceding month and the vehicle type and Suffix number..

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Count of Crime Ref No		Year of Make of Vehicle									
Make of vehicles	Model of vehicle	1988	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	
BMW	X5										
BMW Total											
CITROEN	BERLINGO RELAY SAXO					1				1	
CITROEN Total						1				1	
FIAT	DOBLO VAN PUNTO				1	1			1		
FIAT Total					1	1			1		
FORD	ESCORT ESCORT VAN FIESTA FOCUS GALAXY KA ORION TRANSIT		1		1						
			1								
				1	2	1		1		1	
							1		1		
						1		1		1	
		1									
					1	1				2	
FORD Total		1	2	1	5	2	2	1	2	4	
HYUNDAI	GETZ										
HYUNDAI Total											

On other occasions the pack has shown that Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicles & Theft from Motor Vehicles runs parallel in the same roads and at the same time. i.e. is it really Criminal Damage or downgraded Theft from Motor Vehicle. We use the problem Analysis Triangle wherever possible i.e.1. Victim:- normally person owning a Red Ford Fiesta with an V Suffix, 2 Location:- Felmores Estate on a Friday & Sat from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m..3 Offender:- High Visibility Policing Patrols to target offender.

Second Function.

Analysis of the priorities coming from NAP's and other community groups involves the local neighbourhood policing teams and other partner agencies providing evidence to support the issues before they are raised at the group meetings. This normally involves a short history of the problem, how long has it been causing concern, how many incidents and/or crimes have been committed in the identified area, do the local residents nearby support the issues raised at the meetings and where possible a snapshot 'fear of crime survey' by way of door knocking by PCSO's. In addition the group expects the police or other agencies to evidence that they have tried to remedy the issues themselves prior to bringing them to the Making Communities Safer Group i.e. how many hours extra high visibility policing has taken place in the area since the problem first came to light.

Response:

Each month the group records the issues discussed and the actions agreed by the multi-agency team.

First Function.

Monitoring of the British Crime Survey target has been taking place now for almost three years and as a result during this time a matrix has been developed as an easy reference guide to possible interventions. This guide has grown considerably at each meeting and includes a list of every partnership activity the group could possibly initiate to bring down a particular crime type to an acceptable level. Although the matrix is detailed the interventions listed are very much those that have been found to give positive results over many years of partnership working. A few examples include:- improved lighting, reduced vegetation particularly around street columns that have been overgrown, liaison with neighbourhood watch, graffiti clean up, publicity, use of covert cameras, deployment of mobile police station, intervention in schools by local police schools officers, youth service and other diversion schemes, etc, etc.

A small part of the Matrix is shown below as an example.

Date	Offence	On Target Yes/No	Improve Lighting	Reduce Vegetation	Graffiti Clean Up	Additional HVP/PCSO presence	Link with PPO Group	Property Marking	School Intervention Programme SLOs / CLO's	Diversionary Project	Liaise with Police Intelligence Unit	Provide Security Advice	Target Hardening Measures	Liaise with Neighbourhood Watch	Promote Crimestoppers	Link with Wardens	Speeding, Parking & Abandoned Vehicles	ANPR	
Oct-07	Theft or unauthorised taking of vehicle (inc attempts)	NO	√										√				⚠	⚠	
	Theft from a vehicle (inc attempts)	NO									√							⚠	⚠
	Vehicle Interference	NO				√												⚠	⚠
	Domestic Burglary (inc attempts)	YES					√											⚠	⚠
	Theft or unauthorised taking of a pedal cycle	YES										√						⚠	⚠
	Theft From Person	YES						√										⚠	⚠
	Criminal Damage	YES																⚠	⚠
	Common Assault (incl on a PC)	YES														√		⚠	⚠
	Woundings (serious and other)	NO												√				⚠	⚠
	Robbery of personal property	YES												√				⚠	⚠

Second Function.

For the priorities coming from the community by way of NAP's and Community Forums again each action is carefully recorded with the action agreed by the group and the persons taking it forward. A recent example of a priority put to the group to address was :- Anti Social Behaviour by young people constantly hanging around the local shops causing the residents to feel intimidated and scared. An agreed action to begin with was to arrange a multi-agency site visit so that everyone could witness the situation for themselves. Over the many years of Basildon CDRP activity partnership site visits have proved themselves to be invaluable. Talking about a problem in a room or office is no substitute for actually seeing the problem and the environmental issues that go with the problem i.e. the drug dealing always takes place in the car park near no 25 because there is no street lighting and the vegetation is overgrown causing very poor natural surveillance.

However, the real benefit of multi agency working is the input that different people from different backgrounds bring to each problem. Another example is youth nuisance where very often the police would only concentrate on enforcement as a means of resolving an issue but with partnership working far more emphasis is put on tackling the issues by using Youth diversion schemes. As a result neighbourhood policing teams have gone back to their areas to identify those locations in need of such interventions so that some form of diversion scheme could be put in place. A typical example in Basildon is the Fire Service 'Firebreak Scheme' where young people spend a week or more

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working in a Fire Station learning fire fighting techniques. This scheme has had a very positive effect on those youths referred to it as very often they have been the ones causing ASB, fires and other offences.

It should be noted however that the Making Communities Safer Group has only just started to focus on NAP and Community Forum priorities in recent months so there is still a long way to go before long term sustained benefits can be seen

The concept of the group and its new format is still unique in the county and in time it will hopefully become best practice.

Assessment:

First Function.

Following each meeting we look at the interventions taken and of course look to police statistics to give us an indication as to whether each target is moving in the right direction. Should a particular strand of the BCS target still be performing badly then the interventions previously agreed are left in place and others are added to try and rectify the underperformance.

Because the group is multi-agency we also ask for feedback from all the members of the group rather than just relying on the police figures. A typical example of this would be to ask the ASB team if incidents have gone up or down to reflect the crime statistics.

The Basildon CDRP target given to us by Regional Government was to reduce BCS crime by 16.7% over the period 2005-08. Regarding Theft of Motor Vehicle which we have focused on within the Group and which is an element of the BCS target, the estimated reduction for this crime is 23.2% against a three year target of 24%. According to the Home Office IQUANTA figures we are on target to achieve this and have actually reduced BCS crime by 24% since our baseline figures in 2003-04. As a result we are the second best performing CDRP within the County of Essex. The Making Communities Safer Group is seen as one of the factors in this success.

Second Function.

As stated this is a recent addition to the groups remit and as such we have yet to provide evidence of success although the format of the group has already been welcomed by all agencies when it comes to responding to local community issues.

As with function one we are monitoring the actions each month to see if any significant reduction in reported crime and/or incidents is apparent. Again although early days we have been able to influence how neighbourhood policing teams deal with incidents and there are already signs that officers are thinking more about interventions rather than just enforcement.

Another knock on effect of multi-agency interventions is that the residents can see far more action taking place as more agencies visit the areas and take an interest.

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Section D: Endorsement by Senior Representative - Please insert letter from endorsing representative, this will not count towards your word or 1MB size limit restrictions.

As the Chair of the Basildon Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, I am delighted to support and recommend this application for consideration of a Tilley Award.

The 'Making Communities Safer Group' has been of immense value within this District in reducing crimes within the BCS target crime categories.

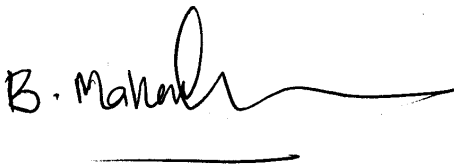
The Group has been instrumental in achieving in excess of our targeted reduction of 16.7% over the 2005-2008 period.

This Group has been recognised by both Essex Police and GO East Regional Office, Cambridge, as 'best practice' in its approach to crime reduction and its monitoring and evaluation techniques.

The Group is unique in its format within Essex in that it monitors the 10 BSC targeted crimes, responds to shortfalls in the reduction programme, targets and provides solutions to the problems identified within Neighbourhood Action Panels (NAPs), Community Action Panels (CAPs) and other consultation mechanisms within the community.

I commend this application and hope it receives your favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely



Bala Mahendran
Chair of the Basildon CDRP
and Chief Executive of Basildon District Council

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 e.g. civil or criminal proceedings pending in relation to your project?
7. Have you inserted your project name as a footer note on the application form?
Go to View-Header and Footer to add it.
8. Have you saved you application form as a word document and entitled your message '**Tilley 08 entry (followed by project name in brackets)**' before emailing it?

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Once you are satisfied that you have completed your application form in full please email it to Tilleyawards08@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk. One hard copy must also be posted to Alex Blackwell at Home Office, Effective Practice & Communication Team, 4th Floor, Fry Building (SE Quarter), 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF and be received by 25th April 2008.

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