

		<b>AGENDA ITEM 5</b>
		<b>AFW/20/10</b>
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### **Crime and Disorder Reduction**

Ellie Sapsed, Crime and Disorder Reduction Officer will update the Committee on Essex County Council activity in West Essex to reduce crime and disorder.

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# Essex Works pledge 2009/10

## Operation Impact

- 10 joint operations with police and partners, funded by ECC and based on **locally identified** need across Essex
- Targeted at addressing the following priorities:
  - Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
  - Forming a legacy for increased, more efficient multi-agency working across the county in relation to crime and disorder and linked aspects.
  - Providing re-assurance to local communities both in terms of improving feelings of safety and ensuring their concerns are addressed.
  - Implementing long term mechanisms for sustainable improvements through situational crime prevention techniques and/or diversionary schemes to prevent/divert young people from offending.

# Operation Impact in West Essex

- Significant investment in West Essex where there were 5 specific operations:
  - Epping Forest, Op Impact Pumpkin (ASB during Halloween)
  - Epping Forest, Op Impact Argus (acquisitive crime)
  - Uttlesford, Op Impact Checkmate (rural crime/acquisitive)
  - Harlow, Op Impact Harlow town (street drinking/environmental)
  - Harlow, Op Impact Stow (ASB, enforcement and regeneration)
- Countywide Operations - Op Christmas Cracker (acquisitive crime during festivities); Op Vehicle Stops (Trading Standards focus).
- The 'Stow' was the biggest Operation Impact

# Operation Impact: The Stow

- Levels of crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) had risen. Prior to the Operation ASB in the area was recorded as highest in the county.



- A group of 20 – 40 young people frequented the area and were self named HTH 'Harlow Town Hooligans'.



## 48 out of 65 local people told us nuisance youth was a problem...

*“Windows getting smashed, cars vandalised, nuisance youths, kids on (the) balcony”*

*“Youths within the Stow, peeing in the stairwell and drug using”*

*“Youngsters at the Stow (I) won’t go there in the dark”*

*“Teenagers out in the shopping centre on the benches drinking”*

*“Nuisance youths, noise in stairwells, climbing up drain pipes, smoking in stairwells”*

## The solution...

**A partnership approach** was taken to solving the issues with a mix of:

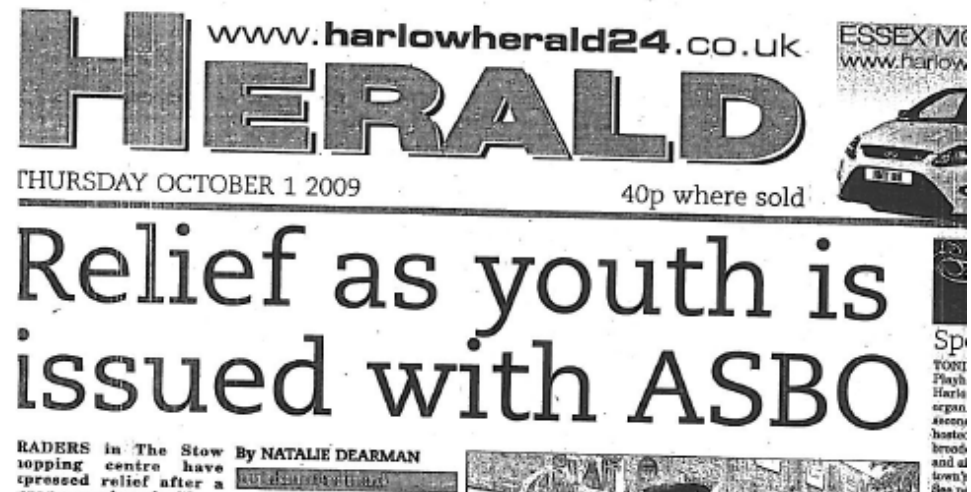
- enforcement measures
- diversionary activities
- environmental changes

# Operation Impact Stow - Action

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- Ringleaders targeted - 2 Anti Social Behaviour Orders and 2 Anti Social Behaviour Contracts granted.
- High visibility enforcement patrols
- Tackling environmental crime - repainting by youth service, changes to lighting, CCTV, security, repairs to flower beds
- New youth facilities - kick wall, youth shelter

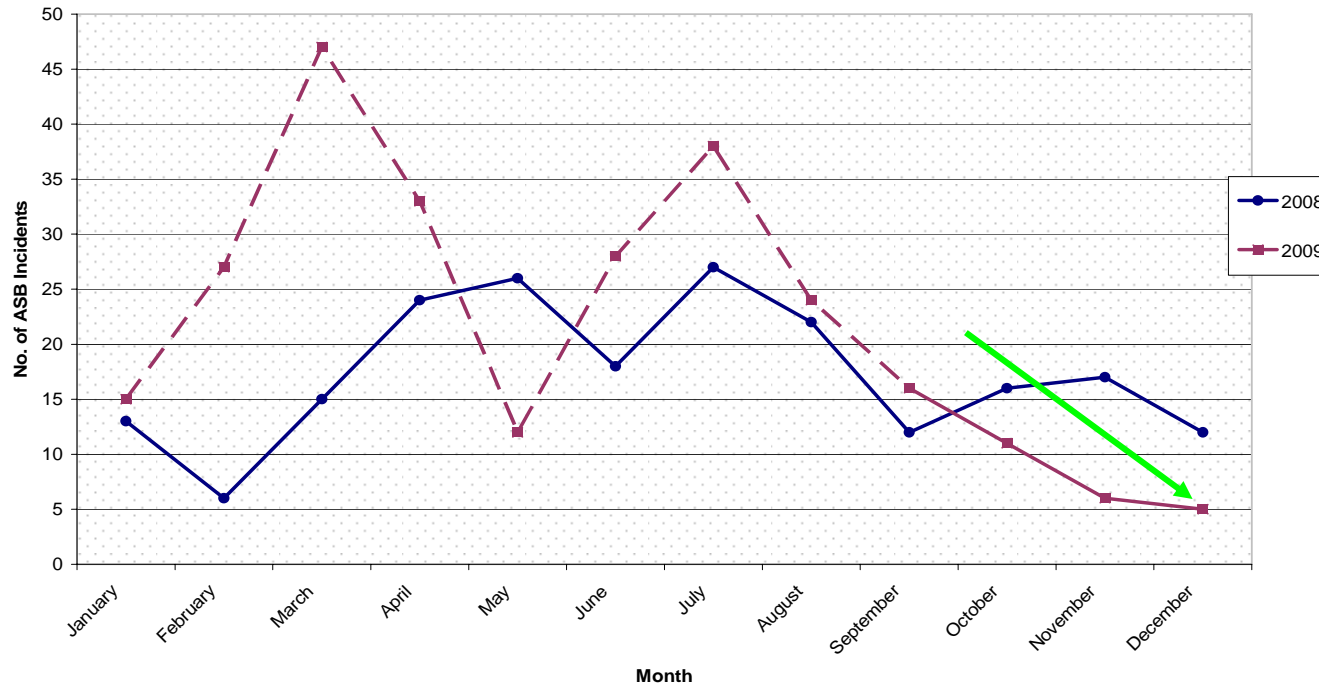


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# Operation Impact Stow - Results

- ASB in the area reduced by **86% in the operational period.**

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Incidents occurring in The Stow shopping area



- Confidence in the Police and local council along with feelings of safety increased at the end of the operation.



# Summary

- All 10 operations completed and evaluated
- Successful outcomes, including:
  - Reductions in recorded crime and ASB
  - Increased feelings of safety and public confidence
  - Cost benefit analysis
- Joint communications (including an agreed media framework)
- Identification of best practice and lessons learned to build on and incorporate into future partnership activities

# Thank you for listening

# Any questions?

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