

Committee: South West Area Panel

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Title: Multi-Agency Anti Social Behaviour Meeting

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Multi-Agency Anti Social Behaviour Meeting

Representatives from the District Council, Essex Police, One Rail, British Transport Police, Extended Schools Co-ordinator, The Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College, Essex Youth Service and District and Parish Councillors met on 13 October at Stansted Youth Centre to discuss anti social behaviour issues that have taken place in recent months in Stansted.

Essex Police supplied general anti social behaviour incident reports from July to October 2006 and informed there had been 38 calls in the area of the Railway Station and 29 in the area of the recreation ground.

Alcohol

The main issue contributing to the anti social behaviour appears to be alcohol. Police have spoken to the shop owners and petrol station managers in the village with regards to the sale of alcohol to underage youths and buying on behalf of underage youths.

Jenny Schiller, the Council's Alcohol and Drugs Officer, has approached The Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College about educating identified young people on alcohol and drug misuse.

Stansted Parish Council are considering a possible Designated Public Place Order on the recreation ground and possibly other areas, the District Council's Anti Social Behaviour Officer is in discussion with the parish council with regards to the process and alternatives.

Railway danger

One Rail shared their concern with regards to damage to the rail station and potential harm to youths playing, gathering and causing anti social behaviour in the station and on the tracks.

Concerns were also raised by the group over the inadequate lighting at the railway station, car park and also the poor quality of the CCTV, which makes it almost impossible to identify culprits. The Council's Community Safety Officer has written to One Rail to express the groups concern to safety and

suggested, if funds permit, they employ a part time Police Community Support Officer and improve their lighting and CCTV.

One Rail representative's who attended the meeting have sent posters to The Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College and Stansted Youth Centre warning of the dangers of railways.

Stansted Parish Council have written an article for the parish newsletter alerting parent's and young people of the dangers of playing on the railway.

Skate Park

The skate park in Lower Street, Stansted is also causing concern, as the lighting and CCTV covering the car park is not sufficient to cover the skate park. The Crime Reduction Officer at Essex Police has agreed to offer advice on the lighting and inspect CCTV.

The next meeting is due to take place on 15 December 2006.