

# Reducing burglaries helps community to bloom

**DESPITE a massive drop in burglary rates of 45 per cent, you said you are still worried about being burgled and you wanted information on doorstep crime and crime reduction delivered face to face.**

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team, based in the Community Safety Unit at Tameside Council:

- Tailored security packages to meet specific needs.

- Continued with successful initiatives such as Alley-gating and Distraction Burglary.

- Introduced Community Presentations to raise awareness.

- Established an early warning network with partner agencies.

- Introduced a Rapid Response Team for burglary and doorstep crime.

Working with residents, Greater

Manchester Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Registered Social Landlords, Home Watch, MIND, Age Concern, Health Agencies and many more outcomes were...

- Schemes like Alley-gating which have made a real difference to people feeling safer.

- Over 1,500 fewer victims of burglary.

And finally in your own words...  
*"The introduction of the alley gating scheme enabled the residents to get together and reclaim some of the land for a community garden.*

*"The garden has not only improved the environment we live in, but has also really improved the community spirit here and has brought neighbours closer together.*

*"We live in a mixed area, Asian and white people, young and old and since the alley gating everybody knows each other that little bit better.*

*"We often get compliments from people passing by on how nice the garden is, we are very proud of it."*



COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Alley-gating schemes have brought people back together.

## Important numbers

- Anti-Social Behaviour Team - (0161) 342 8355
- Greater Manchester Police - emergency 999
- Greater Manchester Police - non emergency (0161) 872 5050
- Tameside Patrollers - (0161) 342 3010
- Tameside MBC out of hours Emergency number - (0161) 342 2222
- Crimestoppers - 0800 555111

# We're listening to what you want

THE Anti-Social Behaviour Team is based in the Community Safety Unit at Tameside Council.

The team is available to help anyone who is suffering because of persistent and serious anti-social behaviour, for example:

- Persistent verbal abuse or threats
- Assault or physical violence
- Racial or homophobic harassment
- Damage to property
- Vandalism near your home

When the team receives a call about persistent and serious anti-social behaviour, the first stage is to talk the problem through with you – in the strictest confidence. After they understand the problem fully they will discuss some of the actions that can be taken to solve the problem.

Remember, calling the Anti-Social

Behaviour Team allows you to speak to someone about persistent anti-social behaviour.

However, in an immediate emergency you should call 999

**When reporting problems or incidents remember the 4 Ws and clearly state:**

- **What you saw: try to remember exactly what you saw**

- **Where you saw it: detail where the incident took place**

- **When you saw it: make a note of the time and day**

- **Who you saw: make a note of the name of the person(s) involved or try**

**and remember as much as you can about the person(s) you have seen such as age, clothing etc.**

Community Diaries can be provided for your use by the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

Remember - they will treat any information you give us confidentially.

**What the team is doing to tackle Anti-Social behaviour.**

**You said:**

You are worried about anti-social behaviour, in particular young people causing a nuisance on the streets.

**We have:**

- Introduced dedicated anti-social behaviour officers to work closely with

local residents and other agencies.

- Set up a referral system to support young people and use enforcement tools and powers where necessary.

- Written letters to parents of young people found to be acting anti-socially, last year we sent out over 3,000.

- Given presentations to young people in schools around anti-social behaviour and personal safety.

- Used Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) to help our young people to change their behaviour. We have carried out over 190 of these.

- Referred young people through the Early Intervention Group to the Positive Activities Scheme to give them an alternative to hanging around on the street.

- Used Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) for serious and persistent anti-social behaviour through our multi-

agency Case Intervention Group. We have issued over 100 of these orders in the borough.

- Used powers to disperse groups that are acting in an anti-social way on our streets.

- Empowered victims and witnesses to stand up to anti-social behaviour by offering specialist support and equipment.

- Set up a free Mediation Service to help resolve disputes.

- Put in place parenting programmes to help parents to take responsibility for the behaviour of their children.

- Made sure that off licenses don't sell alcohol to young people and if they do, prosecute them at court.

- Provided more sport and play areas for young people, such as the multi use games areas.

# Dealing with domestic abuse issues

*You told us that...*

- You wanted to know more about home security and personal safety

- A constant and non-judgemental approach from services
- Help for male victims as well
- More support for survivors of domestic abuse

**Tameside Council in partnership has...**

- Developed Sanctuary Housing Project which is a partnership with New Charter Housing Trust, police, fire service and other registered social landlords whereby survivors of domestic abuse are made safer in their own homes

- Developed awareness training for other officers from a wide range of services

- Run briefing sessions with the Fire and Rescue Service on Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding Children

- Worked with Sure Start Ashton and Tameside Women's Project to develop a specialist support post

- Included the issue of forced marriage within child protection training

## Domestic Drama

A play which deals with the sensitive subject of domestic violence has been produced by the students

at Egerton Park Arts College.

The play, which raises awareness of domestic abuse and its affect on young people, was created by Year 10 (14-15 years) as part of their BTEC course work and then presented to the whole school.

Domestic Violence Coordinator Tracey Austin said: "I found the play really thought provoking as it brought to life some difficult issues that many children face on a daily basis.

"The performers showed a great capacity for dealing with this sensitive area."

The Children and Young People's Domestic Violence Project was launched last year and a number of secondary schools

have agreed to get involved with the project.

This is part of a project within services for Children and Young People to develop education programmes on domestic abuse for high school pupils. Work is also underway to offer appropriate support for young people affected by violence at home.

**Outcomes:**

- 170 officers have undergone awareness training delivered by volunteers

- Over 130 referrals have been received by the Sanctuary housing project

- New group set up to support young people surviving domestic abuse



DRAMATIC: Egerton students in performance.