

<b>Report of:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item no.</b>
Cllr. Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	18 October 2018	7(e)

**Executive Report: Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder**

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1** To inform council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio as set out below.

**2. Community Safety**

**Summer Diversionary Activity**

- 2.1** Youth anti-social behaviour has, for a number of years, increased during the summer schools holidays. This has resulted in localised vandalism and damage to community and private property. This is extremely disappointing with the ultimate cost of repairs falling to the residents of Wyre. In response, earlier this year we undertook a significant consultation with children from local high schools and then worked in partnership with Active Lancashire, Fleetwood Town Community Trust and the YMCA to set up satellite clubs for youngsters during the holiday period. This included Parkour and Saturday night games sessions all held on Memorial Park and a girls group held at the Fleetwood YMCA focussing on exercise. Whilst this has not been the only work undertaken, the police have reported that there does appear to have been a reduction in the levels of youth related anti-social behaviour reported this year as opposed to this time last year. This is positive news and we hope that the satellite clubs set up this year will eventually become self-sustaining so that the offer can be repeated in the future.

**3. Lancashire Victim Services**

- 3.1** A review has been undertaken of the first twelve months of Lancashire Victim Services. The procurement of this service has enabled all victims of crime to be offered support from one organisation as an integrated system throughout Lancashire. In the first twelve months Lancashire Victim Services received 72,330 referrals with 74% of them being eligible for support. Victim services provide specific support to victims of

Domestic abuse, hate crime, sexual abuse and children and young people crime. The team received 15,260 referrals about domestic abuse including 800 from children and young people, 2,276 referrals about sexual abuse including 278 for children and young people, 1,475 referrals about hate crime and 6,641 referrals from children and young people to the Nest element of the service which provide specialist support for victims of crimes such as bullying and sexting.

- 3.2** The top ten areas of support offered to victims included re-assurance (either face to face or via the telephone), information regarding the criminal justice system, safety planning, developing coping strategies, providing specific information regarding their case, general advocacy work, provision of general information, building self-esteem, provision of attack alarms and parenting advice.

#### **4. Lancashire Partnership Against Crime.**

- 4.1** The Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC) will be holding a Rural Crime Conference at Lancaster House, Lancaster on Wednesday 14 November between 6.30pm and 8pm. The themes to be discussed at the Conference will be theft of plant and agricultural machinery, livestock theft and poaching and shooting. LANPAC brings expert speakers to their conferences and this one is designed to highlight practical steps to fight rural crime and promote community resilience and confidence. It should therefore be of interest to District and Parish Councillors, community leaders, farmers and landowners.

#### **5. The High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Award 2019**

- 5.1** If you know of a young person aged 21 or under who has helped either their local neighbourhood, an individual, family member or local organisation within the last 12 months then you can nominate them for The High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Award which has prizes for the winner and two runners up. To nominate a candidate you can fill in the online form at [www.lanpac.co.uk](http://www.lanpac.co.uk). Nominations close on 31 January 2019 and the awards ceremony takes place on 21 March 2019.

#### **6. Launch of a Lancashire Women's Fund**

- 6.1** The Community Foundation for Lancashire has launched a new Lancashire Women's Fund after its national membership body, UK Community Foundations, secured a record £3.4 million award from the government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Tampon Scheme.
- 6.2** The Community Foundation for Lancashire will receive in excess of £70,000 from this allocation to enable the launch of the new Lancashire Women's Fund and ultimately aims to raise £1 million to help support local women.
- 6.3** The Women's Fund will award grants to local groups working with women and girls, including women-only charities to help women throughout Lancashire.

**6.4** A recent study, commissioned by the Community Foundation for Lancashire, reveals that there are a number of key issues affecting women and girls in the county, which include confidence, aspiration, self-belief and resilience, mental wellbeing, social isolation and domestic violence and abuse. Local grassroots organisations are able to apply for grants of between £5,000 and £10,000. Applications opened on 17 September 2018 and will close by 5 November 2018.

**7. Affordable Warmth Heat and Eat Event and a Celebration of Older People's Day**

**7.1** Our Care and Repair service worked in partnership with GPs and other health staff from The Garstang Medical Practice to deliver a 'Heat and Eat' event in Garstang on Friday 14 September. Care and Repair and other agencies provided advice around how to stay warm and prepare for the coming winter. Lancashire Adult Learning delivered a cookery demonstration and the Garstang Medical Practice and Pharmacy provided winter health-related information. The event was a great success with over 50 people attending.

**7.2** An event to help celebrate National Older People's Day was held on Monday 1 October at Fleetwood Fire Station. The Care and Repair service was involved together with members of Wyre's Coast and Countryside Team, Healthier Fleetwood and other agencies and services. The event, which was free to attend, was well attended and covered topics such as Health and Wellbeing, Safety and Security, Staying Active, Social and Reminiscence/Veterans.

**8. Comments and questions**

**8.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with procedure rule 11.5.