



United Against Hate Newsletter November 2014

Message from the Chair of the Partnership



Our events during National Hate Crime Awareness week were a huge success. The grant made available to us from the Police & Crime Commissioner enabled us to work in partnership with South Worcestershire HIP for the first time, and therefore made the programme of events available across the whole county.

The events in Worcester, Bromsgrove, Redditch & Kidderminster included pop up shops, street theatre, provided by the Worcester Theatre Makers, and distribution of literature and more importantly, wrist bands that had been specially made for the event.

We achieved a wide range of media coverage with local radio news flashes on Hereford & Worcester, Touch FM, together with newspaper articles across all the local press.

I want to place on record my thanks to all the staff team members whose efforts made this week so memorable. Well done.

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Partnership Update



The NWHIP website is now sited on the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP) website; this can be accessed by using the following link: www.unitedagainsthate.co.uk. The partnership also has a new phone number 0300 303 8838. This number is charged at normal call rates.

NWHIP attended Bromsgrove Police and Fire Station open day on 27th September and engaged with members of the public. Over 2,000 visitors attended the event.

The partnership, along with other partners, has recently secured a funding bid from the PCC to roll out the 'Safe Place Scheme' across Worcestershire.

The Partnership had a really successful campaign during 'National Hate Crime Awareness Week' 12th-19th October 2014. Across the three areas we successfully gave out 900 information packs and had four reports reported at the events. Worcester Theatre Makers were commissioned to support the engagement with members of the public at the pop up shop; this proved to be very successful. Hate crime wristbands, promoting the reporting of hate crime, were also distributed across the county.



The new school year has seen the partnership working back in the schools. Last term, sessions on hate crime were delivered in North Bromsgrove High School, St Beads Middle School and Ipsley Middle School.

The coffee mornings with BDHT sheltered accommodation went well, with a report coming in to the partnership following them.

Sarah was invited to speak at the Victim Support volunteers AGM meeting on the 29th October. She informed the volunteers of the work that the partnership has carried out.

Sarah was also invited to the West Mercia LGB&T IAG group to talk about the work which the partnership is doing in schools to raise awareness around hate crime.

NWHIP now have a Twitter account, @NWHateIncident. Please follow us and we will endeavor to retweet your organisation's posts. <https://twitter.com/NWHateIncident>

Reporting Centres



The following centres have be re-trained since the last meeting :

- **CAB Bromsgrove**
- **BDHT**
- **The Basement Project**
- **BARN**
- **Swan Shopping Centre**

The following reporting centres have been scheduled to be trained later on this year:

- **Customer Service Centre Redditch**
- **Sure Start Centre**

We are in the process of contacting all reporting centres to establish what training needs you may require. If you are aware of any other organisations that are interested in becoming reporting centres, please forward their details on to the Community Safety team in Bromsgrove and Redditch via communitysafety@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk.

This section is designed for reporting centres, to share their own news. If you want anything displayed in the next newsletter please send your updates to Sarah Kelsey at sarah.kelsey@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk.

News



This is the second newsletter that the North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership has distributed. The newsletter will be distributed within a month of the Hate Incident Partnership meetings, to share recent information from the partnership, as well as sharing information between all those involved with the partnership.

The Community Trigger legislation empowers victims and communities, giving them a greater say in how agencies respond to complaints of anti-social behaviour and deliver out-of-court sanctions for offenders. The community trigger will give victims of persistent anti-social behaviour the right to request a review of actions where they felt that their problems had not been dealt with.

The partnership is working with local high schools in both Bromsgrove and Redditch to continue delivering the Respect program within the schools.

Training Opportunities



Please contact the Community Safety team on 01527 881472 or communitysafety@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk if you require your organisation to undergo any further training.

The partnership aims to complete the reporting centre e-learning training program by December 2014, with the aim of rolling the training out to the reporting center's by the end of the year.

Partner Updates



West Mercia and Warwickshire Police Forces have developed a Hate Crime Strategy for 2014-2016. The aim of the strategy is to reduce the harm caused by hatred, focusing on the victim and effectively targeting those who cause harm. West Mercia Police also launched the 'We're all Human' awareness campaign to increase the reporting of hate crime. The campaign features Josie Pearson, who won a gold medal for discus at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Between 27th and 31st October, Loan Shark Awareness Week took place in Bromsgrove. A Money Advice and Support leaflet was created to promote local support organisations; these were handed out by the Community Safety Team and the Police Cadets on Rubery and Bromsgrove High Streets. A Money Advice and Support event at St Andrews Church in Charford was also arranged and information on loan shark reporting and debt support was distributed across the district.

The new Bromsgrove joint Police and Fire Station opened in April. It is located off Slideslow Drive, near the Artrix Arts Centre. There was a Royal visit from Princess Alexandra on the 30th October.

Each year, as part of the White Ribbon Campaign and 16 Days of Action (25th November – 10th December), teams of men from across Worcestershire walk a mile around Redditch town centre wearing women's shoes to publically show their opposition to domestic abuse. This year's Heels Walk will take place on Friday 28th November; briefing from 1pm and setting off at 2pm. We welcome any participants. If you would like some more information or would like to sign up please email saferrredditch@redditchbc.gov.uk marked FAO: Alasdair Baker.

The North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership has organised for a local theatre company to go into schools and deliver educational performances on domestic abuse to 14-16 year olds in three schools; one each in Redditch, Bromsgrove & Wyre Forest. The aim is to deliver sessions to 200-300 children in each school to increase their awareness around domestic abuse and support available. In schools where theatre performances are not taking place, the Community Safety Team has also made arrangements to visit and deliver short assemblies on the topic of domestic abuse.



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