



Crime and Safety Subgroup Meeting
Sunday 1st March 2009
County Hall, Chelmsford

Present:

John (Brentwood)	Joshua (Castle Point)
Kurt (Chelmsford)	Rosie (Tendring)
Rebecca (Basildon)	Zoe (Chelmsford)
Martin (Tendring)	Liam (Colchester)
Nnebs (Braintree)	Alex (Harlow)
Natasha (Rochford)	
Dan Rankin (Essex Police)	Ruth Morton (Essex CC)

Apologies: Sam (Epping)

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Sam, Epping Forest.

2. Chair of the Meeting

Ruth acted as chair for this meeting. Alex will chair the next meeting.

3. Minutes of the Meeting

Ruth will write the minutes of the next meeting.

4. Issues

The group discussed the issues that they felt are most appropriate to their age and local areas. These were:

- Police presence
- Knife crime
- Burglary
- Lighting in public places – lights off between 12.00 – 5.00.am
- Mosquito – discriminatory?
- Racial abuse
- Gun crime
- Assault
- Vandalism
- Vandalism to cars
- Graffiti
- Bike theft
- Stop and search
- Reporting of youth crime – hoodies stereotyped
- Police – approachable – stereotyping
- Sale of restricted goods to young people
- Media perception
- PCSO's

5. Priorities

The group decided that their priorities for their term of office will be:

- **Weapons Crime.** The group would like to focus on raising awareness and developing publicity – consequences of weapons crime.
- **Vandalism and Graffiti.** Helping to reduce vandalism, and looking at alternative ideas and new ways to prevent graffiti.



- **Public Perception.** Challenging stereotypes around the majority of young people being thought of negatively (especially things such as 'hoodies' and 'yobs'). Encouraging positive press and media coverage in relation to young people. This will be an underpinning aim and will be considered at all times when working on the above priorities.

6. Representing all Young People in Essex

All members of the group will liaise with their local youth councils/forums and update them on decisions and progress.

7. Action Points

- Liaise with local youth councils/forums – all
- Find out what publicity is already in existence to avoid duplication – Dan, Zoe, Alex
- Talk to peers re graffiti wall – Nnebs, Liam
- Find out details of graffiti artist – Joshua, Rebecca

All action points to be actioned by next meeting.

8. Publicity

The group decided that red will be their identity colour. In addition to the action points above, all members will design a logo and bring ideas to the next meeting for discussion and decision.

The group members' post-election mission statements are:

- After being elected onto the YEA, I would like to let more young people know about the YEA and understand more about the effects of crime.
- Now I have been elected onto the YEA for the 2nd term of office, my aim is to get all young people involved and wanting to know what is going on in their locality.
- As a member of the YEA, I want to work on the crime subgroup to raise awareness and to help make Essex a place where young people know something is being done to help them feel safe.
- Talk about what people found out in their area about what is going on.
- As I have been elected on the YEA, I will help young people understand and raise awareness of the dangers of committing crime.
- I want to help young people across Essex to feel safe in their local areas.
- I would like to see young people being congratulated on the good things they do instead of the bad things that happen.
- I will regularly be holding surgeries (meetings) between myself and people I represent to tell you what I've done and what you want done.
- What I want to do is stop all weapon crime in Essex.
- I would like to increase/make known the negative impact of crime (particularly assault/weapon carrying) in hope of reducing it.
- I want to allow people to know the impact of crime and how it can affect not just one person, but a whole community.

Next meeting: Saturday 28th March 2009 @ 11.00.am
Venue: County Hall, Chelmsford.