

Summary of interventions September to December 2011

There have been a series of successful actions implemented throughout the period of September to December 2011. Parks operations are separated into three distinct areas: North, East and South/West. The details of thematic interventions within these areas include:

North Belfast

Environment

- Marrowbone fence installation, removal of a gate and extensive reduction of shrubbery throughout park to increase line of sight through the park.

Education

- Grove WBC and Grove PF: Support for Midnight Soccer programme in Lower North Belfast in response to residents concerns about the increase in antisocial behaviour at weekends.

Enforcement

- Grove WBC and Grove PF: Working alongside the PSNI and Community representatives to divert youths from antisocial behaviour in the area.
- Cavehill CCTV: improvements were made to this resource to ensure privacy to residents while providing excellent quality images around the Innisfayle Park gates.

East Belfast

Environment

- Orangefield fence: Drinkers were lighting fires around the bowling pavilion; the fence was placed to deter this activity.
- Knocknagoney Park: extensive pruning of trees behind the community centre to reduce likelihood of fly tipping.

Education

- Knocknagoney: a leaflet circulated by PSNI was to residents with information on reporting fly tipping and guidance on bulky waste collections.

Enforcement

- Mobile CCTV Van patrols in September through out Ormeau, Orangefield, Botanic and Belmont Parks.
- Knocknagoney: Joint BCC and PSNI preparation of a leaflet to deter fly tipping.

South & West Belfast

Environment

- Wedderburn Park fence: following a request from the local community and PSNI, a fence was erected to prevent youths accessing the park through a resident's hedge.

Education

- Falls Park support for schools programme
- Falls Park support for art project with Gael Art
- Northlink Park support for Christmas celebration

Enforcement

- Falls park Halloween joint operations: Community members, Youth workers, local school Teachers, PSNI and Park Staff worked together to divert hundreds of youths (intent on drinking) away from the park.

All areas

Interagency and Interdepartmental networks

The antisocial behaviour programme coordinator has been engaged in a range of internal and external partnerships.

- Area based partnership meetings used to identify and monitor antisocial behaviour and co-ordinate interventions around parks and leisure facilities.
- Joint working with Community safety fora, Antisocial behaviour Officers, and Environmental Health Service Wardens are improving our ability to effectively respond to antisocial behaviour.
- Participation in the internal officers groups such as the Antisocial behaviour Liaison Officers group and the Bonfire internal officers group has provided support to effectively respond to a wide range of incidents, improve the effective “one council” approach and ensure safer park events throughout the city.
- Development of a new antisocial behaviour reporting system which will connect amount of damage reported with the cost of repair. This system will be developed within the Parks Warden Pilot due to commence in April 2012.