

## Summary of interventions January to March 2012

There have been a series of successful actions implemented throughout the period of January to March 2012. A significant portion of time has been invested in the roll out of the Park Warden pilot and the most notable operations were implemented during the St. Patrick's Day celebrations and again in Botanic Gardens at the end of March.

Parks operations are separated into three distinct areas: North, East and South/West. The details of thematic interventions within these areas are as follows:

### **North Belfast**

#### Environment

- Marrowbone: Ground works levelled out drinking dens and hiding places

#### Enforcement

- Mobile CCTV Van patrols during St. Patricks Day in Cavehill: this resource was deployed to deter drinkers from gathering in the area.

### **East Belfast**

#### Environment

- Orangefield fence: Drinkers were lighting fires around the bowling pavilion; the fence was placed to deter this activity.

#### Education

- Knocknagoney: a primary schools engagement programme has been implemented entitled Park explorer programme. It aims to increase ownership amongst the youngest residents of the area.

#### Enforcement

- Mobile CCTV Van patrols during St. Patricks Day: this resource was deployed to deter drinkers from gathering in the area throughout Ormeau, Orangefield, Botanic and Belmont Parks.
- Botanic Gardens experienced large crowds of drinkers in March. The Park Wardens were gathered together from North, East and South and West operational areas as part of a coordinated operation to manage the crowds and reduce potential ASB. They worked in partnership with the PSNI and the Community Safety Wardens.

### **South & West Belfast**

#### Environment

- Falls Park: additional fencing was installed to deter drinkers from entering the park after dark.

#### Enforcement

- St. Patricks Day joint operations in Falls park: Council officers worked together to reduce the impact of drinkers using the park.

### **All areas**

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

#### Implementation of Park Warden Pilot

Park Wardens have now been issued with new uniforms; the CRM system is currently in use; Cross service training has been initiated to equip Park wardens with statutory powers.

#### Interagency and Interdepartmental networks

- 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 forum, Antisocial behaviour Officers, and Community Safety Wardens are improving our ability to effectively respond to antisocial behaviour.
- Working in partnership with Dog, Litter and Alcohol enforcement officers to increase the capacity of Park Wardens to enforce bye laws.
- 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 the CRM antisocial behaviour reporting system which provides specific data concerning ASB issues throughout Belfast.