



Safer Vale Partnership Who's who?

The main aim of the Safer Vale Partnership is to work in Partnership with other statutory, voluntary and community organisations to make the Vale of Glamorgan a safer environment in which people can live, work and visit, free from crime and disorder and the fear of crime.

Deborah Gibbs - Safer Vale Manager – Deborah is responsible for managing the Community Safety Team within the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The team consists of both mainstream council staff and partnership posts. The team structure has been attached for information. The team are responsible for delivering against targets set by the Partnership and Home Office and improving the joining up of services in order to provide a seamless service to the community and reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.

As part of Deborah strategic role she provides support and advice to the Safer Vale Partnership (Community Safety partnership) on issues that could impact on their work. For example changes in legislation, new targets set by the Home Office and looking at changes in policy that may be needed to improve the way in which the partnership operates that will ultimately benefit agencies and the community.

Deborah works closely with all agencies at various levels. Deborah is keen to promote the need to problem solve together in order to minimise costs but maximise the impact.

Police Sergeant Stephen Trigg Steve's previous roles include Response and Neighbourhood policing. He supervises a number of workstreams, including licensing and late night economy issues, seeking solutions to violent crime and offences related to substance misuse. He also works with the strategic crime reduction officer to look for crime reduction opportunities and leads locally on the 'Prevent' strand of the counter terrorism strategy.

Police Sergeant Julie Madoc has responsibility for supervising various functions associated with the police element of the Community Safety Partnership. These consist of duties undertaken by the Anti Social Behaviour Coordinator, hate crime. She leads locally on issues pertaining to Schools Liaison Officers and Youth Offending Officer.

Amy Forsyth - Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) / Prolific and Priority Offender (PPO) Co-ordinator – Amy's main role is to develop and coordinate the implementation of the Vale of Glamorgan's Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Strategy, aiming to prevent and reduce incidents of ASB. Amy liaises with statutory and voluntary agencies and members of the public, collating information required and taking a range of actions including Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti Social Behaviour Orders. Her role also includes developing and coordinating the implementation of the Vale of Glamorgan's Prolific and Persistent offender strategy.

Amy's works closely with the Police, Council Departments and other agencies within the Vale of Glamorgan, aiming to reduce and prevent incidents of ASB and Prolific and priority offending. She monitors incidents of ASB and assesses the cases recommending

appropriate action. She also coordinates the Problem Solving Group and supports the Chair of the meeting.

Amy has produced the prolific and priority strategic action plan which will be continuously updated and worked towards. Amy co-ordinates both the steering group and operational group for the PPO Scheme. Amy collates information on ASB activity across the Vale operationally and report to the Safer Vale Strategic Group.

Helen Pain – Anti Social Behaviour Administrator – Helen provides administrative support to the Anti Social Behaviour Unit. She is responsible for the general office duties such as taking telephone enquiries, photocopying, faxing, dealing with outgoing mail/documents as requested etc. She takes minutes for the department's monthly meetings.

Helen inputs referrals on a daily basis and making sure they are dealt with efficiently. She liaises with all members from the partnership and collates information regarding subjects and incidents recorded by referral form, before organising appointments and meetings. She is responsible for the accuracy of the department's computer database and providing information reports as requested and responsible for collating all relevant statistics required by the Safer Vale partnership and National Assembly for Wales.

PC Mike Hawkes - Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator – His primary role is to provide the single point of contact when dealing with any Anti Social Behaviour issues. Mike provides support and information for operational teams to carry out operations relating to Anti Social Behaviour. To do this he identifies trends and priority locations and problem solving with Partner agencies to get to the root cause of these issues and dealing with those involved. He is also responsible for the day to day management of the ASBO process as part of the Safer Vale Partnership alongside Amy Forsyth, the local authority ASB co-ordinator. Mike liaises with statutory and voluntary agencies and members of the public, collating information required and taking a range of actions including Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti Social Behaviour Orders. There is also Helen Pain a local authority employee who deals with the ASB Administration. Together they are responsible for processing all Referrals, managing the four stage process and applying for full ASBO orders if required. All officers are encouraged to liaise with Mike over any issues with anti social behaviour. He is also responsible for creating the Operational Orders for the Generic events in the division such as Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Stacey Evans – Community Engagement Co-ordinator – Stacey works with Partner agencies to implement promotional and publicity events and campaigns within the community and regularly engages with communities to identify crime and disorder issues on behalf of the Safer Vale Partnership.

Stacey is the web editor for the Safer Vale website and regularly updates this with the current PACT priorities, advice and news. Stacey works with the Graphic Designer to produce Safer Vale display materials, information leaflets and posters.

Stacey organises, promotes and provides support for Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Within the Safer Vale Partnership we have a Community Messaging system, which allows the Partnership to distribute messages to Neighbourhood Watch members, shops, doctor, schools and other relevant agencies quickly. Stacey manages the Community Messaging System updated when necessary and distributing messages.

Sarah Potts – Community Safety Officer – Sarah’s role is to ensure that the partnership’s commissioning group allocates funding to services that provide the best outcomes in tackling crime and disorder issues. Sarah is responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of all services and initiatives commissioned by the Partnership and reporting their progress to commissioners, stakeholders and funders.

PC Dick Collins – Crime Reduction Tactical Advisor – He has responsibility for all crime reduction issues and strategies within the partnership.

Dick’s areas of expertise include – dwelling and commercial premises surveys, installation of Police Alarms (domestic violence panic alarms), CCTV issues and Implementation of the Force’s repeat victim policy.

Dick is also a qualified Architectural Liaison Officer and links in with the Local Authority Planning dept. to ‘design out crime’ in new developments. i.e. Penarth Heights. Dick has a good knowledge of problem solving techniques and the SARA process. He works closely with numerous outside agencies to help tackle issues that are identified within the BCU. All officers should consider consulting with Dick prior to engaging in a POPS initiative.

Matthew Davies - Partnership Data Analyst – Matthew collates, cleanses and analyses data from all partners and agencies of Safer Vale. This data is used to identify crime trends and hotspots within the Vale of Glamorgan. The findings from data analysis can be used as evidence for funding and also assist in targeted interventions to reduce crime. Matthew is responsible for the Safer Vale Strategic assessment and this is maintained throughout the year and ultimately highlights areas of development and improvement in community safety.

Charlotte Porter - Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator – The Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator is responsible for working in strategic Partnership with agencies from both the Voluntary and Statutory sector to implement a unified coordinated response towards the many issues that arise from Domestic Abuse. She is also responsible for the formation & implementation of the Vale of Glamorgan Domestic Abuse Strategic Action Plan, coordinating the Domestic Abuse Forum and raising the public’s awareness of Domestic Abuse, sexual violence and all forms of Violence Against Women including Honour Based Violence, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. The Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator works with agencies to collate information to evidence & address gaps in service and identify sources of funding. One main element of her role is promoting a Multi-Agency approach towards tackling Domestic Abuse and the eradication of society’s negative beliefs that allow Domestic Abuse to be prevalent. The Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator ensures that staff has access to all levels of training that supports them to provide a high level of service to Service Users and their Families.

PC Brian Bedford – Hate Crime Officer – Brian’s role involves the management and monitoring of all Occurrences that are recorded as being Hate Crime motivated or aggravated. He works with community leaders and spokespersons to provide a police point of contact. He is in the process of organising an Asian taxi drivers association, and is responsible for managing several projects including Worship Watch and Operation Delphinus. He sits as the police representative, and is responsible for organising, the Community and Race Relations Group. In partnership with the Sector Inspectors he oversees the repeat and vulnerable victim processes. He provides Weekly Hate Crime figures to the MSU Inspector and carries out follow up telephone or personal visits to all identified victims of Hate Crime within the Division.

PC Dave Barrett - Licensing Officer – Dave is responsible for dealing with the legal issues concerning liquor licensing, taxi licensing, betting, gaming, late night refreshment and public entertainment licenses within the Vale of Glamorgan.

Through regular meetings with the licensees and other partnership agencies he gathers intelligence on hotspots and problem areas. Dave uses a problem solving approach to reduce alcohol related crime and disorder across the division. All officers considering a POPS initiative relating to any licensing issue or alcohol related crime are encouraged to speak with PC Barrett who will assist and advise on a suitable course of action.

PC Melanie Weaver - Youth Offenders Service (YOS) officer - Mel is seconded to the Vale YOS. This service deals with youths between the ages of 10 to 17 subject to the Criminal Justice System. The YOS officer's main duties include being the Police link between the Services to facilitate the implementation of the Final Warning scheme including reprimands, cautions etc. This scheme offers early interventions where appropriate and provides support through a multi agency approach to assist in deterring the offender from further criminal activity. Mel provides all necessary reports and information held by the Police to enable case workers involved with the young person to manage their case. Any officer dealing with a young person is advised to liaise with PC Weaver who can assist in progressing a case and also holds information on all Youth Offenders in the BCU.

Sabine Galton – Partnership Support Assistant – Sabine provides administrative support for Partnership co-ordinators and officers for the Vale of Glamorgan's Community Safety Partnership (Safer Vale). Sabine is the main point of contact within the team and is responsible for taking messages, booking meetings and transferring incoming calls to the appropriate member of staff.

Sabine helps in all aspects of work from individuals from the team such as arranging the Safer Vale Partnership meetings and providing administration support.

Sabine attends many meetings taking minutes from the meeting and distributing them ensuring that they are corporate to Safer Vale. Sabine also attends numerous events throughout the year helping where possible and completing questionnaires with members from the public.

PC's Emma Mudie, Kevin Pennell, Chris Thompson and Meriel Blake - Schools Liaison Officers – Their prime role is to deliver The All Wales Core Schools Programme. Lessons are delivered to all Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and places of Special Education. Their remit has fairly recently been expanded to include 'disengaged young people' who are involved in alternative education. These can include Amelia Trust Farm, Ashgrove, Erw Delyn and Headlands.

The original remit consisted of 15 different types of lessons covering Substance and Drug Misuse, ASB/Diversity/ Bullying and Personal Safety. This has now increased by an additional 21 varied lessons addressing problems such issues as Use of Weapons, Joyriding and Hate Crime.

The whole purpose of these officers going into the schools is to provide children of all ages with information and education in relation to the law, to tell them what is required of them to be responsible citizens, what facilities there are to help them to do the right things and to clarify what the negative consequences can be for them and others if they choose to behave in an irresponsible manner.

The Schools Community Police Officers also assist with Community Safety Departmental initiatives and are involved in a number of other schools and youth related issues throughout the year.

Tara Morris – Street based Co-ordinator & Rhys Jones - Senior Street Based Youth Worker - Tara & Rhys works for the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service and manages the Street Based Youth Work Team. This team includes the Pulse project which provides detached youth work opportunities for young people. Detached youth work is the name used to describe youth workers engaging with young people outside of a youth club setting. The Pulse team work largely in the evenings; engaging with young people, building relationships, offering information, and encouraging them to participate in activities. Working in partnership with local organisation Vibe Experience we are working towards the introduction of a new, innovative mobile youth provision to further increase the range of street based opportunities available to young people in the coming months.

Sean Maidment - Substance Misuse Co-ordinator - Working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership Sean is responsible for liaising with agencies from the Statutory, Voluntary and Private sector to ensure best practice regarding issues surrounding Substance Misuse. Responsible for coordinating the Substance Misuse Action Team (SMAT) the Sean is responsible for promoting a Multi-Agency approach towards tackling Substance Misuse for both adults and young people.