

Improving Community Safety in Stockton

ASPE Northern Region Event 2025

Protecting & Enhancing our Neighbourhoods

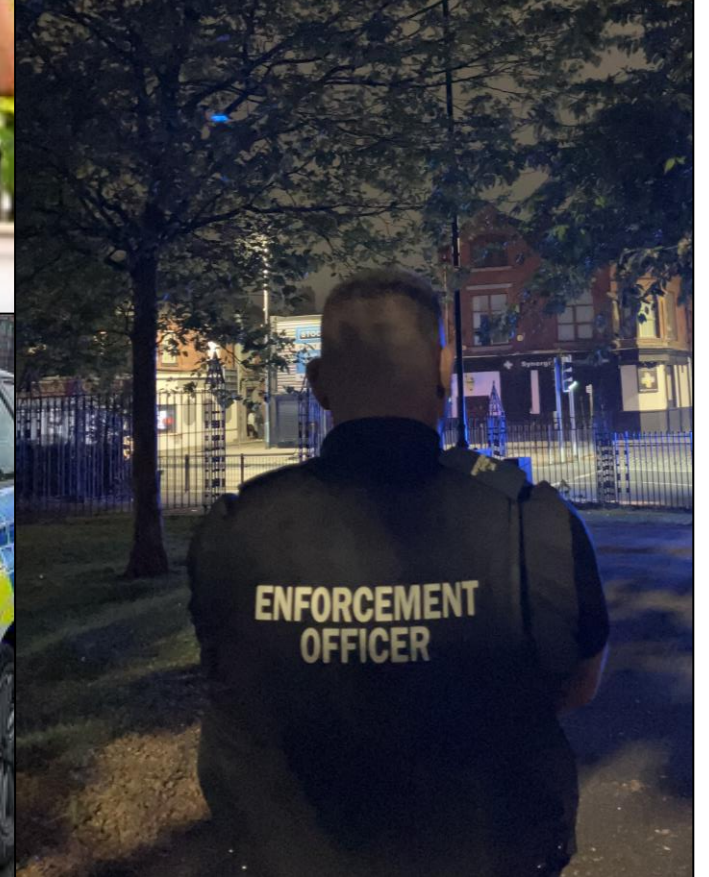
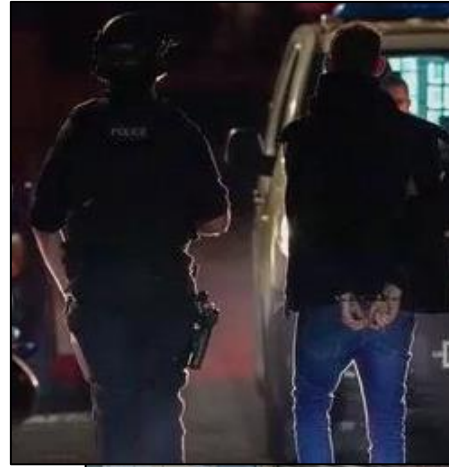
Project Harmony: Origins

- 'CLEAR HOLD BUILD' initiative
- High crime area
- Entrenched criminality
- Organised Crime Groups (OCGs)
- On-street sex work
- Diverse area
- Poor public perceptions of safety in area
- Densely populated
- Area features high in the index of multiple deprivation



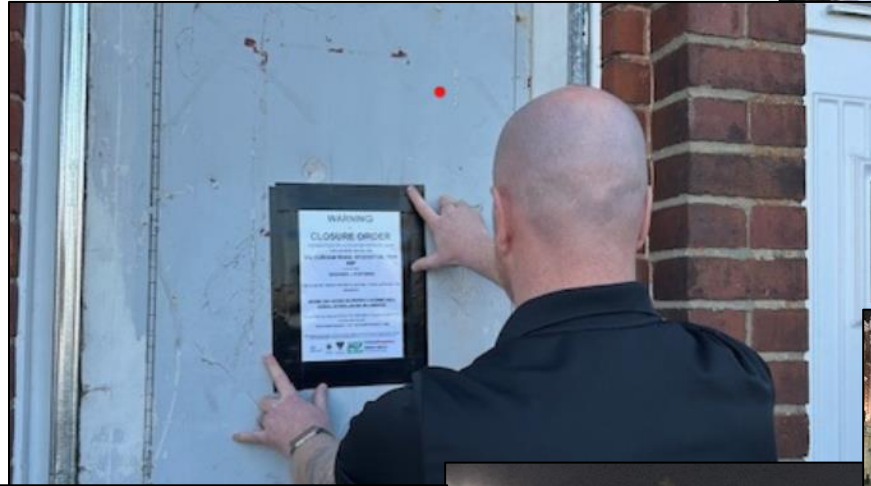
CLEAR

- High visibility patrols (Op. Nightfall Tasking)
- ASB Hot Spot Patrols
- Arrest & prosecution of OCG hierarchy (Op. Flare)
- Premises Closure Orders



HOLD

- Ensuring a continued long-term presence from partners
- Care Plans/referrals for those connected to OCGs
- Holding vacant properties
- Vetting new tenants
- Responding to community concerns effectively
- Planning Applications & Planning Enforcement



BUILD

- Trust;
- Community Engagement:
- ❖ Multi-agency drop-ins
- ❖ Family fun events
- ❖ RAs
- ❖ Ward Surgeries
- Target Hardening
- 'Getting the little things right' (Broken Windows Theory)



Operation Shield: Origins

- Long standing challenge from the public over street drinking in Stockton Town Centre
- Political scrutiny
- Regeneration projects
- Space to innovate locally
- Gaps in partnership working



Targeting Activity

- Daily foot patrols
- Frequent 'joint-patrols'
- 'ASB hot spot' patrols
- Assertive outreach
- Intel gathering/sharing
- Intel-led decision making
- Closure Orders
- Defence of the PSPO
- Arrests & prosecutions



Problem-Solving

- Multi-Agency PSGs
- Exploring drivers of crime
- Clear command structure
- Existing Legislation:
 - ❖ CBO
 - ❖ PSPO
 - ❖ CPW



Community Engagement

- Marketing/branding
- Social media
- Print media
- Events
- Business engagement
- Days of Action
- Stalls
- 'Warm Welcomes'



What difference are we making?





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