



# Hampshire

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and the  
Isle of Wight*



## Annual Review 2002 – 2003

Crime Prevention Panel  
Hampshire Police Authority



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April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003

Crime Prevention Panel  
Hampshire Police Authority

## Membership of the Panel

Membership of the Panel (at March 31, 2003):

- Mrs Judi Griffin, JP DL (Chairman)
- Cllr Jacqui Rayment (Vice Chair)
- Mrs Carol Barratt
- Cllr David Gillett
- Mr Ray Palmer
- Cllr Peter Mason
  
- Crime Prevention Consultant: Barrie Saunders
- Panel Secretary: Marion Boyes

Membership of the Panel consists of nominated members of the Police Authority as follows:

- 1 Liberal Democrat member
- 1 Labour member
- 1 Conservative member
- 1 Magistrate member
- 2 Independent members

Representatives of other organisations and agencies (listed below) across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight with experience of crime prevention matters may sit on the Panel as non-voting members:

- District Council Crime Prevention Groups
- Education Departments/County Youth Services
- Social Services Departments
- Probation Service
- Police
- Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils
- Hampshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

## Chairman's Foreword

As you read this Review, you will see that the Crime Prevention Panel of Hampshire Police Authority has financially supported a wide and diverse range of projects across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in the last financial year.

As in the previous year, the highest percentage of grants has been awarded to projects relating to diverting young people from crime for the simple reason that people between the ages of 16 and 25 are predominantly the main perpetrators and victims of crime.

'Juvenile crime' as reported to the police is often anti social behaviour, or groups of bored young people hanging around with nowhere to go. The Panel, and the Authority itself, is aware that such behaviour causes fear amongst our communities.

This is why one of the Police Authority's objectives is 'To reduce anti social behaviour in partnership with the community and other agencies, thereby reducing the fear of crime from such activities amongst the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight'.

This objective is endorsed by a national objective set for the police by the Home Office.

By monitoring and evaluating the projects we financially support, we know that 'diversion from crime' projects are effective and we will continue to support our communities in this way.

*Judi Griffin, JP DL*  
*Chairman*  
*Crime Prevention Panel*  
*Hampshire Police Authority*



*Judi Griffin*

## Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the Crime Prevention Panel are:

- to consider crime prevention issues in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and promote best practice in crime risk management and its co-ordination;
- to promote the extension of multi-agency approaches to crime prevention involving district council crime prevention groups, county agencies, including education and social services, probation, the police, voluntary agencies and other interested bodies; and
- to make grants in support of crime prevention initiatives.



## Facts, Figures and Finance

In the financial year 2002 to 2003, the Panel considered 50 applications for discretionary or one-off grants and 9 standing or annual grants from crime prevention initiatives across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

**Of the 50 discretionary grant applications, 47 were successful. Of the applications:**

- 39 (78%) were for crime prevention initiatives relating to young people;
- 3 (6%) were for initiatives relating to domestic violence;
- 3 (6%) were for CCTV and shopwatch schemes; and
- 5 (10%) were for general crime prevention initiatives.

78% young people  
6% domestic violence  
6% CCTV and shopwatch schemes  
10% general crime prevention initiatives



The amount awarded in discretionary grants plus administrative support was £175,168

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The amount awarded as standing grants was £95,000

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The total amount granted by the Panel was £270,168.

Funding from partners to those receiving discretionary grants amounted to £1,284,900. This represents a contribution by our partners of £7 for every £1 spent by the Panel.

Administrative support costs were less than four per cent, a figure which has been consistently achieved over the past few years.

## Categories and Examples of Grants Made

Grants awarded or administered by the Panel fall into two categories.

**STANDING GRANTS** are made to initiatives of a strategic nature which generally operate across the two counties. These are initiatives supported by the Police Authority for their continued contribution to crime prevention and reduction or the mitigation of the effects of crime on victims. The grants are subject to ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

**DISCRETIONARY GRANTS** are generally made on a 'first come first served' basis to local initiatives in the form of a grant of up to £4,000. These grants are usually made to help start, expand or enhance existing schemes supported by the local police commander and/or the local crime and disorder partnership.

Each local police commander works with their local authority and other key agencies in a strategic partnership, as required by the Crime and Disorder Act (1998). Each partnership has a community safety strategy that includes targets for tackling local crime and disorder problems. These strategies are locally published and available from local authorities, police stations or libraries.

With effect from April 1, 2003 the Police Authority is a responsible authority within crime and disorder reduction partnerships (CDRPs) across the two counties.

In each of the 14 local authority areas within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (listed below) a community safety strategy has been developed to include the concerns of local communities.

## Local Authorities within the Two Counties

Basingstoke and Deane	Isle of Wight
East Hampshire	New Forest
Eastleigh	Portsmouth
Fareham	Rushmoor
Gosport	Southampton
Hart	Test Valley
Havant	Winchester

The strategies cover a wide range of social issues (listed below) that lead to crime, nuisance and anti social behaviour on our streets. The work of the Panel in making discretionary and standing grants has touched on each and every one of these issues, either at a strategic or local level.

### Social Issues

Bullying/exclusion/  
truancy  
CCTV  
**Domestic violence**  
**Drink/drug/substance  
abuse**  
Dwelling burglaries  
Families/parenting  
**Fear of crime**  
Fire safety  
High-visibility police  
patrols  
Improved  
information/data  
**Juvenile nuisance**

**Motor vehicle crime**  
Neighbourhood  
nuisance/anti social  
behaviour  
**Public disorder**  
Repeat victimisation  
Support to  
Neighbourhood Watch  
schemes  
Traffic enforcement  
**Young people as  
offenders**  
Young people as victims  
Youth provision  
training/leisure

Seven of these issues receive top priority in all 14 local community safety strategies (highlighted in bold). Other issues identified as high priorities are neighbourhood nuisance and anti social behaviour, dwelling burglaries and the provision of youth training and leisure opportunities.

Much of the work of the Panel has therefore been dedicated to addressing common priorities. Some examples follow.

## Domestic Violence

The Panel continues to financially support the Hampton Trust, which runs domestic violence projects for families, victims and offenders.

### Last year, the Panel also gave financial support:

- towards the provision of a civilian domestic violence co-ordinator at Fareham, a post which had previously been filled by a police officer;
- to the Portsmouth Domestic Violence Forum to formulate and disseminate best practice and to publicise the availability of services; and
- to the Eastleigh Homestart Domestic Violence Support Group.



## Juvenile Nuisance, Youth Training Provision and Leisure Facilities

The Panel has always been particularly active in supporting initiatives that provide meaningful leisure and experience activities for young people. The Panel has focused its support in areas where there is an acknowledged problem of juvenile nuisance, which in many cases is accompanied by social exclusion.

With financial support from the Panel, new leisure and sporting facilities are provided or planned in many communities across the two counties including Portsmouth, Southampton, Havant, Warsash, Wootton, Newport and Shirley.

In addition the Panel financially assisted many other youth projects, both centre-based and mobile, that are staffed by qualified youth workers. These include projects in Winchester, Waterlooville, Hayling Island and Aldershot.



## Drink, Drug and Substance Abuse

This area presents a great challenge for society and for the young people of today. The Panel is therefore pleased to continue to support Rock Challenge, an international drug and crime prevention vehicle in the form of a performing arts competition for secondary schools.

It focuses on young people leading healthy lifestyles and 'being their best' without the need for tobacco, alcohol or drugs. Rock Challenge was introduced to the UK by Hampshire Constabulary and is now maintained by a charitable trust.

The Panel has also supported for more than five years Say No and Phone (SNAP) discos in many parts of Hampshire. These professionally organised events deliver an important anti-drugs message through music.

Wherever these events take place they are a tremendous success and, after a small amount of start-up funding from the Panel and other local agencies, they can become self-supporting. In some areas it has been possible to channel profits from these events to other crime prevention initiatives.

After much hard work by local people, SNAP has now been established on the Isle of Wight.

The members of the Panel pay tribute to all those volunteers involved in such events including police officers, the Special Constabulary, local authority staff, charitable trust staff and many others from statutory agencies and the voluntary sector who give their time so freely to make these events a success.

## Public Disorder and the Fear of Crime

The Panel has renewed its financial support for the **Bobby Trust**, a registered charity which has a broad remit to protect the public and their property, particularly vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It is a practical service providing quickly and free of charge home security for the victims of burglary and other crimes.

As well as providing protection against further burglary, the Trust also helps to alleviate the long-term effects of crime that can lead to victims feeling confused and unable to continue living independently.

The provision of **CCTV** in our cities, towns and villages has a substantial effect on levels of crime and nuisance and an impact on reducing the fear of crime, particularly amongst vulnerable groups.

The Panel has made a significant number of grants for CCTV schemes in community facilities, such as community centres and schools, where crime and nuisance have had a real effect.

Fear of crime can be generated by a group of young people who are not acting illegally, but are gathered together in a group, which some people find threatening. The Panel were therefore pleased to support **Project Icarus**, based in Portsmouth, in producing an educational film.

The film, made by young people, documents the effects of these types of activities on the wider community. It is hoped that when completed the video will be available as an educational tool for schools and youth groups.

# About the Police Authority



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*'for efficient and effective policing'*

If you believe your crime prevention initiative may be eligible for a Police Authority grant, or if you would like further information on any area of our work, please contact us at:

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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE








### ROLE

The members of the Authority represent the voice of the public on policing.

### AIM

To secure Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as safe places.

### METHODS

-  To safeguard policing by consent.
-  To work with integrity, honesty and openness and perform independently of Hampshire Constabulary.
-  To support and challenge the Constabulary, aiming for their continuous improvement.
-  To develop and maintain effective partnerships with local authorities, public and private agencies, and stakeholders.
-  To guard public interest in policing.
-  To ensure the demands and needs of the public are reflected in policing policies.
-  To maintain ethical standards in policing.

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