

Crime Prevention Review 2008/09



Your Crime Prevention Committee Members are:

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- Ray Palmer (vice-chair)
- Councillor John Bryant
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- Bob Purkiss
- Councillor Margaret Snaith

The Crime Prevention Committee of Hampshire Police Authority meets four times a year to scrutinise the work of Hampshire Constabulary as it tackles crime prevention issues. It promotes crime prevention best practice within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The Committee also gives grants in support of crime prevention initiatives and monitors their effectiveness. This review gives details of those grants, and how the money has been used.

Hampshire Police Authority gives £191,312 to crime prevention projects

Community groups, charities and youth projects across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have benefited from grants from Hampshire Police Authority totaling £191,312 during 2008/9.

The Authority's Crime Prevention Committee is tasked with supporting crime prevention activities through two types of grants - standing grants to organisations that provide a year-around service, and

discretionary grants to groups looking for specific help such as equipment costs or one-off expansion costs.

This annual report looks at the grants given by the Authority this year, and the progress of projects supported last year.

Doing More With Less — the unsung heroes of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

In these uncertain economic times, everyone is watching their pennies a little closer. As a result, donations to charitable organisations are harder to find, and the time volunteers are able to give is reduced.

The grants given by the Crime Prevention Committee are not designed to fund a whole project, but to be used as a stepping stone for greater support from elsewhere. With the backing of the Police Authority, groups are able to secure

funding from other sources, and attract volunteers, knowing they have the recipe for potential success, leading to a reduction in crime, the fear of crime and the impact of crime on victims.

We are privileged to be able to support these projects, but we are not the only ones. For every £1 given by the Police Authority, an extra £16 is given by other agencies, and that doesn't include the time given by volunteers. Crime prevention is not the sole responsibility of the

police – it is only by communities coming together that problems can be truly tackled. Hard-working, well-meaning local people are making a real difference to their area, achieving more than ever before on budgets that struggle year-on-year. They don't do it for our thanks, but they will receive it, along with our grants which I hope will help them to go a long way.

*Councillor Peter Mason,
Chair, Crime Prevention
Committee*

Hampshire Police Authority Crime Prevention Committee Grants 2008-09

Grants awarded or administered by the Crime Prevention Committee fall into two categories—standing (annual) grants and discretionary grants.

Standing Grants

Standing grants are made annually to initiatives of a strategic nature that usually operate across the two counties of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. They are supported by the Police Authority for their continued contribution to crime prevention and the mitigation of the effects of crimes on victims.

The grants listed below for 2008/09 are the subject of ongoing monitoring and evaluation and each year are considered in detail by the Committee after a detailed application process in order to ensure their effectiveness and ongoing value for money.

The Be Your Best Foundation (Global Rock Challenge) - £25,000

A flagship crime prevention initiative that takes the form of a performing arts competition for schools and delivers an important crime prevention message.

The 2008 Rock Challenge involved 286 teams from 298 schools, 119 of these were schools new to the event. When surveyed, 87% of students felt their self-esteem had improved, with teamwork skills improving in 92% of students since becoming involved in the event.

Victim Support - £28,000

A national charity that provides help and support for the victims of crime and a witness support service in both Crown and Magistrates Courts.

Last year, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight branch dealt with more than 16,000 referrals and supported over 2000 witnesses through the court process.

The Bobby Trust - £7,500

This is a charity which provides practical help for victims of burglary including the free installation of crime prevention measures. It similarly supports other individuals who are identified as vulnerable.

The average age of a client is 79, six out of ten clients were living alone, and 320 of the 894 clients were disabled.

Rape Crisis Services - £17,500

These services are registered charities or non profit making companies and provide help, support and counselling services for the victims of rape and sexual abuse.

Grants from the Crime Prevention Committee cover services in Southampton (£2,500), Winchester (£4,500), Basingstoke (£4,500) and Portsmouth (£6,000).

Across the country, there is no universal counselling service provided for victims of rape or sexual abuse. Hampshire is fortunate in that the whole of the county is supported by four dedicated services.

The Southampton service received nearly 2000 calls from clients who had experienced sexual abuse, the Winchester service provided nearly 600 hours of counselling, the Basingstoke service took over 940 calls to its crisis line, and the Portsmouth service provided more than 3000 hours of counselling and psychotherapy.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Crimestoppers - £6,000

This grant supports the work of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Crimestoppers Boards that were established in 2005 to promote and publicise this national charity which is independent of the police.

During 2007/8, Crimestoppers nationally received 1,777 calls relating to Hampshire, and the number of arrests as a result rose to 240, an increase of 29%.

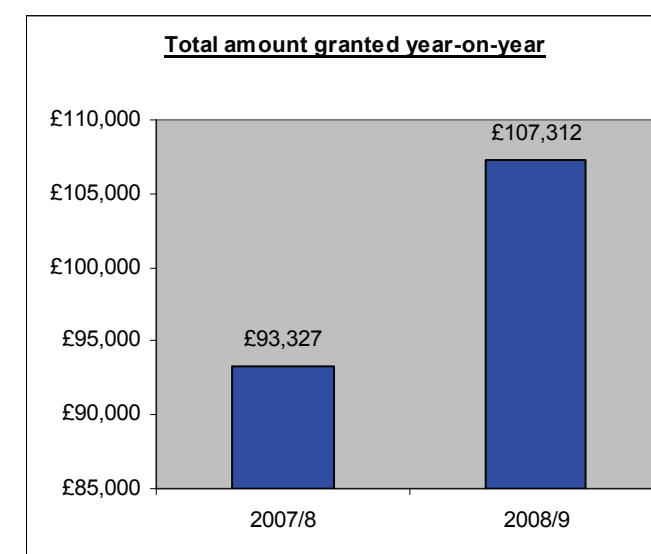
Total for 2008/9: £84,000

Discretionary Grants

Discretionary grants are generally made on a first come first served basis from 1 April each year, although applications are welcomed throughout the year. Grants of up to £3,000 are awarded entirely on their merit and whether they can deliver crime prevention benefits. Full details of the Committee's terms of reference and guidance are available on the Police Authority website, www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org.

The Committee does not provide the full financial support for any crime prevention project, and so many applications are asking for funding for projects which will already have the support of the local police commander or the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) for that area.

In 2008/9, the Committee considered 42 applications for discretionary grants for crime prevention initiatives based in or across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This is the same number of applications as in 2007/8. Of these applications, only four were rejected by the Committee.

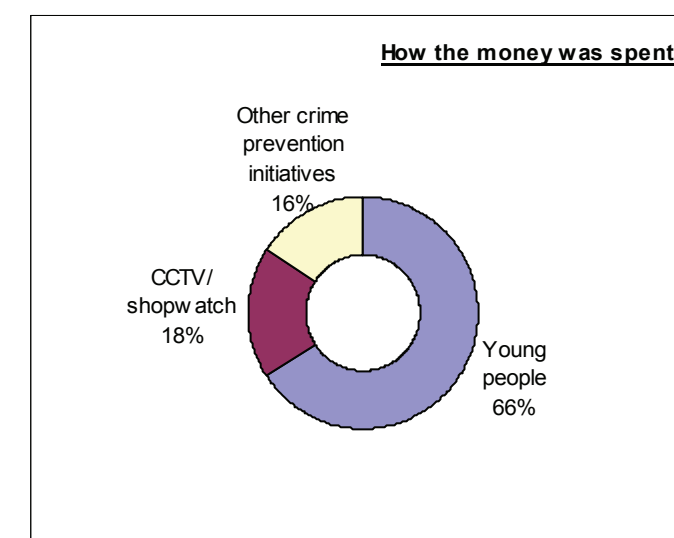


The total amount granted in 2008/9 was £107,312, compared to £93,327 in the previous year (see graph left).

The average grant in 2008/09 to a discretionary crime prevention initiative was £2,824.

Out of the 38 application that were agreed by the Committee:

- 25 grants were for projects benefiting young people.
- Seven grants were for CCTV, Shopwatch and other general security projects.
- Six grants were for other crime prevention initiatives including those tackling domestic violence and related issues.



Funding from partnership agencies to those in receipt of discretionary grants was £1,735,000 which represents a contribution by our partners of more than £16 for every pound awarded by the Committee.

Reflecting on the efforts of volunteers

In many of the organisation that are given grants by the Police Authority, an immense contribution is made by volunteers who work and train in their own time. With the paid professionals who support, organise and direct them, they make a tremendous contribution to the fabric of our society, especially for those unfortunate few who find themselves as victims.

However impressive the individual performance figures are, much of this was achieved in 2008/09 against a standstill or reduced budget. All the organisations rely tremendously on fundraising and in the current financial climate, this is likely to be under incredible strain in the next financial year.

Could your organisation, community group or project be eligible for a crime prevention grant from the Police Authority? Visit our website at www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org to get further information and the application pack.

If you would like to discuss your application, please call 01962 871595 and our Crime Prevention Consultant will call back and give you advice.



Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation that sets the policing budget and is responsible for overseeing Hampshire Constabulary.

The 17 members of the Authority, who are elected councillors, magistrates or members of the public, represent the views of the people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Hampshire Police Authority conducts its business through meetings of the full membership of the Authority and through committee meetings. These committees look at Community Affairs, Complaints and Professional Standards, Crime Prevention, Finance, IT, Personnel, Performance, Standards and Governance.

Every year, the Police Authority publishes a Policing Plan, outlining how it will provide an efficient and effective police service for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It does this by setting policing priorities for the Chief Constable and his officers and staff to follow during the course of the following year.

Hampshire Police Authority also sets aims and objectives for itself, based on its consultation with the public and on a strategic assessment of the challenges facing policing.

Hampshire Police Authority's vision for equality and diversity is that every person and every employee who receives or is affected by the Police Authority's activities and services should perceive their experience to be fair and equitable.

The Police Authority expects all people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, whether a resident, visitor or someone who works in the two counties, to be treated with respect, and to be free from harassment, bullying, victimisation or discrimination. The Police Authority wishes to be open and transparent in the way in which its functions, policies, roles and responsibilities are delivered.

Information about Hampshire Police Authority, its members, committees, the amount for policing in the council tax, Police Authority publications and the aims and objectives can be found on our website. If you do not have access to the internet or require information in an alternative language or format, please contact us.

Additionally, if you believe your crime prevention initiative may be eligible for a grant from the Committee, please get in touch.

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