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TITLE: REDCAR AND CLEVELAND CRUCIAL CREW RESULTS 2009

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Between 19th June and 3rd July 2009 Redcar and Cleveland Crucial Crew took place at De Brus Centre in Skelton. During the course of this multi-agency event, Year 6 pupils (10 and 11 year olds) from every primary school within the Redcar & Cleveland borough participated in a variety of scenarios which aimed to give the children the chance to learn how to cope with a wide range of safety issues.
- 1.2 Each half day session involved nine different scenarios, each lasting twelve minutes, delivered by a range of agencies as follows:
- **ROYAL LIFESAVING SOCIETY** – Coastal and beach safety
 - **ROAD SAFETY UNIT & CLEVELAND POLICE** – Road traffic accident
 - **YOUTH INCLUSION PROJECT** – Anti-social behaviour
 - **SUBSTANCE MISUSE PARTNERSHIP** – Drugs awareness safety
 - **NEDL** – Safety around electricity
 - **ARRIVA NORTHEAST** – Bus safety
 - **SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP** – Interactive consultation (crime / anti-social behaviour).
 - **CLEVELAND FIRE SERVICE** – Fire safety in the home
 - **BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE** – Railway safety
- 1.3 Cleveland Police Authority ran the Safer Communities Partnership scenario in conjunction with Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority. The interactive IML software was used to ask the children a variety of questions covering crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.4 In all 950 children, from 33 schools, including 2 special needs schools, were consulted. The following report outlines the results of this consultation.
- 1.5 For the purpose of the report the results have been split into the following neighbourhood sector areas – L1 (Guisborough), L2 (South Bank/Grangetown), L3 (Redcar), L4 (Saltburn - also covering Skelton, Marske and New Marske), L5 (Loftus - also covering Brotton) and L6 (Eston).

2 KEY FINDINGS

- 2.1 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the children's top three crime concerns were violence, drug dealing and house burglary. House burglary and drug dealing were also top concerns in 2008. Violence was not a category in 2008.
- 2.2 The top three crime concerns for the special needs children were house burglary, bullying and drugs.
- 2.3 Overall, the top three anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around, vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage and people being drunk or rowdy. Teenagers and criminal damage were also the top two concerns in 2008.
- 2.4 The top three anti-social behaviour concerns for the special needs children were drugs, noisy neighbours and teenagers hanging around.
- 2.5 Appendix A contains a ward analysis which compares the results of this consultation with children to the priorities identified by neighbourhood policing teams in their ward priority plans. The priority plans tend to focus on anti-social behaviour issues more than serious crime, so whilst the crime issues identified by the children are not generally listed as priorities in the plans, the anti-social behaviour concerns expressed are extremely similar to those expressed by adults, with the main focus being on youth anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drinking and drugs.
- 2.6 The children's commonest reason for perceiving crime and anti-social behaviour to be a problem was through watching TV. However, over half (55%), based their view on personal experience either through having been a victim, knowing a victim or seeing incidents taking place.
- 2.7 38% stated that they had been a victim of crime within the last year. This ranged from 26% in Loftus to 46% in South Bank/Grangetown.
- 2.8 The most popular methods chosen by the children for reducing crime and anti-social behaviour were more activities for young people, more work between the police and young people and help for those committing crime to stop them re-offending.
- 2.9 Overall, 43% of the children felt that the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour. This is broadly comparable to the Neighbourhood Survey carried out with adults in April 2008, which obtained results of 44.2% Force wide and 38.9% for Redcar and Cleveland.
- 2.10 Very few of the children knew the Single Point Of Contact neighbourhood policing phone number, but most knew the emergency 999 contact number.

3 FULL RESULTS

Crime

- 3.1 The children were asked to pick which three types of crime most affected them from the following list:
- House Burglary
 - Car Crime
 - Drug Dealing
 - Robbery
 - Criminal Damage
 - Racist Incidents
 - Violence
 - None of these
- 3.2 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the top three crime concerns were violence (19%), drug dealing (17%) and house burglary (16%). Violence was a new category for 2009, replacing domestic violence, so no comparisons can be made with 2008's data for violence, but house burglary and drugs were also top concerns in 2008.
- 3.3 The top three crime concerns remained similar across the geographical groupings, although criminal damage was more of a concern in SBank/GTown and Saltburn, and robbery was more of a concern in Guisborough, Redcar and Saltburn. It should be noted that there was some confusion amongst the children regarding the difference between house burglary and robbery, even though the definitions were explained to them before they answered. Table 3.1 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 3.1 In your opinion what 3 types of crime most affect you?

Crime Type	% of responses						
	Overall	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6
House Burglary	16%	16%	11%	15%	15%	18%	16%
Car Crime	7%	8%	8%	7%	6%	10%	7%
Drug Dealing	17%	18%	17%	16%	14%	19%	17%
Robbery	15%	17%	13%	16%	17%	13%	15%
Criminal Damage	13%	11%	17%	13%	15%	13%	11%
Racist Incidents	10%	10%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%
Violence	19%	17%	17%	21%	19%	16%	21%
None of these	3%	3%	8%	3%	4%	1%	3%

1st concern – red, 2nd concern – amber, 3rd concern – green

- 3.4 The special needs children were asked to pick which single type of crime worried them most from the following list:
- House Burglary
 - Car Crime
 - Drugs
 - Robbery / Mugging
 - Bullying

- 2.7 The top concern was house burglary with 50%, followed jointly by bullying and drugs, with 20% each. The top concern remained the same as in 2008.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- 2.8 The children were asked to pick which three types of anti-social behaviour most affected them from the following list:

- Noisy neighbours or loud parties
- Teenagers hanging around the streets
- Rubbish or litter lying around
- Off road motor bikes
- Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles
- Racism
- People using drugs
- People being drunk or rowdy in public places
- Begging

- 2.9 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the top three anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around (17%), vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage (16%) and people being drunk or rowdy (15%). Teenagers hanging around and criminal damage were also the top two concerns in 2008.

- 2.10 The presenters went on to emphasise to the school groups that they would soon be teenagers and that they should think about the impact that teenagers hanging around have on younger people and pensioners in particular. The children all agreed that they should behave in a friendly and non-threatening way if they are in groups.

- 3.5 The top three anti-social behaviour concerns remained similar across the geographical groupings, although drug using was more of a concern in Guisborough, SBank/GTown and Eston, and noisy neighbours was a concern in SBank/GTown. Table 3.2 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 3.2 In your opinion what 3 types of asb most affect you?

ASB Type	% of responses						
	Overall	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6
Noisy neighbours	10%	9%	14%	11%	8%	9%	10%
Teenagers	17%	15%	13%	20%	20%	16%	18%
Vandalism	16%	15%	17%	16%	19%	19%	14%
Drug Using	14%	20%	15%	12%	14%	14%	15%
Drunk/rowdy	15%	15%	8%	14%	16%	18%	15%
Rubbish	8%	7%	10%	8%	8%	5%	9%
Off Road Bikes	7%	4%	12%	7%	7%	5%	7%
Begging	4%	5%	3%	4%	1%	3%	5%
Racism	9%	10%	8%	8%	7%	11%	7%

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3.6 The special needs children were asked to pick which single type of anti-social behaviour worried them most from the following list:

- Noisy neighbours
- Teenagers hanging around on the streets
- People taking drugs
- People being drunk and noisy
- Rubbish on the streets
- Off road motor bikes

3.7 The top three concerns were drugs (35%), noisy neighbours (25%) and teenagers hanging around (20%).

Experience of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

3.8 After identifying what the crime and anti-social behaviour concerns were in their area, the children were asked what their main reason was for thinking that these things were a problem, with the following options:

- I have been a victim
- Someone I know has been a victim
- I have seen it taking place
- I have seen it happening on the TV
- I have heard other people talking about it
- I don't think there is a problem

3.9 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the most popular answer was seeing it on the TV, with 25% of the votes. Television was the primary influence in Guisborough, Redcar and Saltburn, but in SBank/GTown, Loftus and Eston the children were most likely to have seen crime or anti-social behaviour taking place.

3.10 Overall, over half the children (55%) based their views on personal experience either through being a victim themselves (15%), knowing a victim (16%) or seeing crime and anti-social behaviour taking place (24%). Those in Guisborough were least likely to have had personal experience of crime and anti-social behaviour (47%), and those in Eston were most likely (66%). Table 3.3 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 3.3 Why do you think crime or asb is a problem in your area?

Reason	% of responses						
	Overall	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6
Been a victim	15%	10%	21%	15%	14%	7%	20%
Know a victim	16%	16%	11%	16%	20%	14%	16%
Seen it	24%	21%	27%	22%	21%	31%	30%
Seen it on TV	25%	31%	20%	27%	26%	21%	16%
Heard talk	12%	13%	10%	12%	11%	17%	12%
Not a problem	8%	9%	11%	8%	8%	10%	6%

3.11 The children were asked whether they had been a victim of crime within the last year. Overall, 38% of the children questioned stated that they had been victims of crime. This ranged from 26% in Loftus to 46% in SBank/GTown. Table 3.4 below shows the full responses to this question:

Table 3.4 Have you been a victim of crime within the last year?

	Yes
Overall	38%
L1	34%
L2	46%
L3	38%
L4	42%
L5	26%
L6	38%

3.12 45% of the special needs children stated that they had been victims of crime within the last year. The special needs children were also asked who they told about any incidents which they had suffered. They were most likely to tell a parent or the police (35% each), but 15% stated that they wouldn't tell anyone.

Partnership Working

3.13 The children were asked what they thought the police and partners should do to stop crime and anti-social behaviour and make people feel safer. The most popular choices were more activities for young people to do outside school (29%), police officers working with young people (26%), and help for

those committing crime to stop them re-offending (18%). Children in Guisborough felt particularly strongly that more help was needed for people committing crime, and those in Saltburn, Loftus and Eston were keenest to see more interaction between the police and young people.

National Confidence Measure

- 3.14 The national confidence measure (APACS 2.2) is based on the percentage of people who think that the police and council are dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter in their area. The question was simplified in Crucial Crew to 'Do you think the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour', with options of yes, no and don't know.
- 3.15 Overall 43% of the children felt that the police and council did a good job. This ranged from 29% in SBank/GTown to 55% in Loftus. The overall results are comparable to those received by adults in the Neighbourhood Survey which took place in April 2008, when 44.2% Force wide felt that the police and council dealt with these issues, this result dropping to 38.9% when considering only Redcar and Cleveland results. Table 3.5 below shows the full responses to this question in Crucial Crew:

Table 3.5 Do you think the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Overall	43%	35%	22%
L1	37%	35%	28%
L2	29%	49%	22%
L3	45%	36%	19%
L4	46%	27%	27%
L5	55%	26%	19%
L6	41%	39%	20%

Contact Telephone Numbers

- 3.16 Very few of the children knew the Single Point Of Contact neighbourhood policing phone number, although most knew the emergency 999 number.

N'hood Sector	Ward	Schools Consulted	NHP Priorities	Children's Crime Priorities	Children's ASB Priorities
L1	Guisborough	Chaloner	Youth ASB (alcohol related), drugs and road safety (vehicle obstruction)	Drug dealing, house burglary and robbery	Drug using, vandalism and drunk/rowdy people
	Hutton	St Paulinus, Highcliffe, Galley Hill	Youth ASB (graffiti and large groups), off road motor vehicles in woods	Drug dealing, violence and robbery	Drug using, teenagers and drunk/rowdy people
	Westworth	Belmont, Lockwood	ASB in Boosbeck and Enfield Chase	House burglary, drug dealing and violence	Teenagers, vandalism and drunk/rowdy people
L2	Grangetown	Caedamon	Off road motorbikes, underage drinking and associated ASB, drugs	Robbery, drug dealing and criminal damage	Off road motorbikes, vandalism, drug using, noisy neighbours
	SBank/GTown	SBank/GTown, St Margaret Clitherow's	Off road motorbikes, pedal cycles on footpaths, horse and cart activity	Drug dealing, violence, criminal damage	Vandalism, drug using, teenagers and noisy neighbours
	Teesville		ASB in square, off road motor bikes, pedal cycles on footpaths		
L3	Coatham	Coatham	Other theft (shoplifting, pick-pocketing, pedal cycles), ASB (youth drinking and graffiti)	House burglary, robbery, drug dealing and violence	Vandalism, drug using and teenagers
	Dormanstown	Dormanstown, Newcommen	ASB (underage drinking and football), criminal damage and graffiti, off road motor bikes	Violence, drug dealing and robbery	Teenagers, vandalism and drug using
	Kirkleatham	Riverdale	Off road motor bikes,	Drug dealing, violence	Teenagers, vandalism

			ASB, criminal damage	and robbery	and noisy neighbours
	Newcomen	St Benedicts, Lakes	Criminal damage (vandalism and graffiti), drug dealing and abuse, ASB (rowdy behaviour)	Violence, criminal damage and house burglary	Teenagers, vandalism and noisy neighbours
	West Dyke	Wheatlands	ASB (underage drinking), criminal damage (graffiti)	Violence, robbery and house burglary	Teenagers, drunk/rowdy people and vandalism
	Zetland		Youth ASB (alcohol related), criminal damage (graffiti, vehicle damage) and road safety (vehicle obstruction)		
L4	Longbeck		ASB/criminal damage in play park and woods, graffiti and damage to allotments		
	Saltburn		ASB and road safety (vehicle obstruction)		
	Skelton	Skelton	Problem tenants, underage drinking and off road motorbikes	House burglary, drug dealing and robbery	Vandalism, drunk/rowdy people and drug using
	St Germain's	Westgarth, Errington, St Bedes	ASB/criminal damage in square, underage drinking in valley gardens, scooter nuisance	Violence, robbery, criminal damage and house burglary	Teenagers, vandalism and drunk/rowdy people
L5	Brotton	Badger Hill, Whitecliffe	ASB in Carlin How and Brotton, drugs and road	House burglary, drug dealing and violence	Vandalism, drug using, and racism

			safety (use of mobile phone and not wearing seatbelts)		
	Lockwood	Lingdale	Drug abuse, off road vehicles and speeding	House burglary, violence and drug dealing	Teenagers, drunk/rowdy people and vandalism
	Loftus	Hummersea	Youth ASB (alcohol related), and road safety (use of mobile phone and not wearing seatbelts)	Drug dealing, violence, criminal damage and house burglary	Teenagers, drunk/rowdy people and vandalism
L6	Eston	Bankfields, St Mary's, Whale Hill	Youth ASB and street drinking	House burglary, drug dealing and robbery	Drug using, drunk/rowdy people and teenagers
	Normanby	Ravensworth	ASB and inconsiderate parking/driving	Violence, drug dealing and robbery	Teenagers, vandalism and drug using
	Ormesby	Nunthorpe, Overfield, St Gabriel's	ASB and parking of motorbikes for sale	Violence, house burglary, drug dealing	Teenagers, drunk/rowdy people and vandalism