

Cheryl, Jane and Nicola, continue to make consultation with young people for new ideas and opinions. The need for diversionary activity was also identified as a priority at the Community Safety Forum on 27<sup>th</sup> January 09.

The issue of litter is something raised by many about town and is being addressed as a priority by the Town Council with new bins in convenient locations such as the recreation ground. This will be essential if groups of youths will end up making more use of the recreation ground as opposed to Coniston Road and The Russell Centre area, and if more young people are addressed over littering during a Dispersal Order period, there is a better chance of improving on the problem beyond the Order.

The Alcohol strategy has been in place since 2008, and consists of the following actions:

- Extension of Designated Public Places (Alcohol free zones)
- Enforcement of Designated Public Places
- Work by trading standards
- School intervention
- Referral through District Council and other agencies.

An application to extend the Alcohol free zones in 2008 was successful, and the key action now and beyond the dispersal order will enforcing it, particularly in the Coniston Road area, where there is a common link between alcohol and Anti-social behaviour. Keeping groups clear from this area will disrupt the chain of alcohol distribution, particularly sale by proxy.

Sale by Proxy is due to be targeted by trading standards. This will be in addition to continuing test purchases, and staff at Tesco / Co-op notifying the SNT of suspects for purchasing alcohol to supply.

The Licensing manager at Tesco will be briefing staff over age checks and challenging adults where appropriate. Tesco are also looking at changing the brick wall area at the front of the store to make it less comfortable and appealing for youths to sit and gather, this will help beyond the period of the dispersal order.

Some presentations have been done by the SNT to older year groups at Redborne Upper School to raise awareness of the alcohol free zones and consequences of breaching it. Beyond the Dispersal order this can continue with the addition of talking about Dispersal Orders (Which they may well be familiar with by then).