

Vale Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

Summary of projects 2010/11

This section provides a brief account of the priorities, results and activities of the projects funded or co-ordinated by the CSP.

REDUCING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

| | 2008/9 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | % +/- | Target met |
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| Criminal Damage | 1372 | 1059 | 939 | -31.5% | √ |

| | Summary of action | Details and Outcomes |
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| 1 | Reduce the underage sales of alcohol and underage drinking by conducting at least six test purchasing exercises per year | <p>Four test purchase, (TP), operations were carried out Of premises 27 tested seven failed =26% 20 passed = 74%</p> <p>In 2007/8 the pass rate of premises tested was 62%, (39 tested, 24 passed). Continuous testing has encouraged premises to check ID regularly.</p> |
| 2 | Art project at Louie memorial playing fields | <p>In response to complaints about ASB the local neighbourhood action group identified the playing fields as an area of concern. The Community Safety Projects Officer worked with Thames Valley Police, (TVP), North Hinksey Parish Council, Probation and the district council Arts Officer to develop the project.</p> <p>The CSP Projects Officer arranged for Thames Valley Probation Unpaid work scheme to remove and paint out the graffiti. Young people from Matthew Arnold school and a local artist completed an arts project painting the wall with a mural. The probation service returned and sealed the new artwork with a coating to protect it against potential future attacks.</p> <p>North Hinksey Parish Council has also provided new sports facilities for the young people in the area.</p> |

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| | | <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further incidents of graffiti have been reported. |
| 3 | <p>Operation Exit Seven</p> <p>A project run by a charitable group and supported by local police officers and The Foyer in Abingdon</p> | <p>The CSP awarded a grant of £1500 towards the starting up costs of this project. The project engages young people in Abingdon aged 13 to 21 in seven positive activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Personal challenges Teamwork Education Heath awareness Mentoring Restorative Careers <p>The aim of the project is to encourage young people to stay out of trouble, build confidence, and self-esteem, whilst developing a sense of worth and making a positive impact on the community.</p> <p>Workshops are delivered in partnership with other agencies and include: drug and alcohol awareness, smoking cessation, restorative justice, healthy eating and community and fund raising.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> positive engagement of 20 plus young people who meet every Tuesday at the Abingdon Foyer. young people are learning to interact and communicate with others and organise local events. |
| 4 | <p>Lighting project Daisy Bank, Abingdon</p> | <p>The CSP received concerns from local residents about the lack of lighting and fears for their safety. The CSP Projects Officer co-ordinated a project to improve the lighting at Daisy Bank in Abingdon. Two additional lights have been provided along a foot path which runs from the Radley Road to the Daisy Bank Estate.</p> <p>The project costs of £5600 were equally shared between the CSP and Abingdon Town Council. Oxfordshire County Council installed the light during September 2011.</p> |

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| | | <p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased use of the area and an increased sense of personal safety. • The CSP Project Officer will consult with residents during autumn 2011 when the lights are operational to gauge the effectiveness' of the project. |
| 5 | <p>Street pastors</p> <p>Street pastors recruit local volunteers who are trained to offer advice to people who have had too much to drink or need assistance</p> | <p>The CSP continues to support the street pastor initiative.</p> <p>The CSP has produced an advice card for street pastor schemes and neighbourhood police teams to hand out locally during their evening patrols. The cards provide information about a range of support services which people may need following a night out.</p> <p>Street pastor schemes are running in Wantage and Grove with Abingdon going live summer 2011.</p> <p>Outcomes: The street pastors have provided around 1730 hours of help on the streets. Some examples of their work are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A drunken girl was on the pavement as she had fallen and hit her head. The Police had called an ambulance, so while they were waiting for it, the Street Pastors wrapped her in a space blanket. • A middle-aged man who was drunk and had slipped on the ice was helped to his feet, and the Street Pastors made sure he was not hurt. • A Street Pastor moved a car to another spot (safe for the next day) for a lady who was over the legal alcohol limit. • Two aggressive groups of young people were shouting at each other and the situation was becoming threatening. Some punching and head butting was going on. The street pastors talked to them and helped separate the groups, encouraging them to go home. |

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| 6 | The CSP works in partnership with other organisations to prevent the escalation of anti-social and criminal behaviour | <p>ASB neighbourhood/partnership meetings:</p> <p>The Thames Valley Police (TVP) ASB team co-ordinate six weekly meetings in each neighbourhood to ensure that ASB issues are dealt with at the early stages.</p> <p>TVP neighbourhood teams, environmental health officers and housing officers from the relevant registered social landlords attend the meetings.</p> <p>The CSP ASB co-ordinator attends the meetings or makes referrals when complaints are received directly to the council.</p> |
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ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) INTERVENTIONS

The tables below show the use of ASB powers and legislation in the district during 2010/11. The Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) team and partners have continued to tackle issues at an early stage, which is likely to have contributed to there not being a need to issue higher-level interventions such as Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs). Before agreeing to give an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) to a young person, the ASB team offer the opportunity for the Youth Offending Service to contribute to the decision making process. In addition, the family is offered an intervention package that supports the young person either one to one or in a group. This has the effect of helping the family support any changes the young person may need to make in their behaviour.

| Control methods issued | Quarter One | Quarter Two | Quarter Three | Quarter Four |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| ASBO | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ASBO Breach | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Premises closure order | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Section 27 | 20 | 49 | 69 | 37 |
| ABCs | 1 | 2 | 6 | 12 |
| Warning letters | 8 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| Parenting | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Fixed penalty notices | 21 | 39 | 29 | 44 |
| Vehicle Section 59 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 7 |

Section 59 - Antisocial use of motor vehicles These are issued to vehicle drivers/owners who undertake antisocial use of vehicles and can lead to the vehicle being seized and possibly destroyed. A section 59 intervention is in two parts: firstly, a warning letter is issued to the owner/driver, and if within a 12-month period, the

vehicle is used in the same manner or the same person uses an alternative vehicle in a similar manner, the vehicle is seized. The keeper pays the cost of the recovery and storage for up to 21 days, but if they fail to do so, the vehicle is scrapped

Section 27 - Violent Crime Related Dispersal

The notices are handed to people aged 16 and over who have been involved or are thought to be at risk of being involved in violent alcohol related crime. The notices ban people from a specified area for up to 48 hours. The notices are most effective in town centres and this is reflected in a higher number of notices handed out in Henley and Didcot, where the nighttime economy is more active.

Youth alcohol seizure letters

Each time alcohol is seized from under age drinkers, the TVP officer notifies the ASB team. The ASB team send letters to the parents warning them that if the young person is reported for drinking alcohol again, they risk being the subject of an Acceptable Behaviour Contract.

REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME BY 5% BY 2010/11

| | 2008/9 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | % +/- | Target met |
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| Assault with less serious injury | 499 | 368 | 282 | -43% | √ |
| Domestic abuse incidents recorded (serious) | 457 | 372 | 324 | -29% | n/a |
| Domestic abuse incidents non-recordable crime (minor) | 564 | 739 | 848 | -50% * | n/a |

* the partnership aims to increase the reporting of domestic abuse incidents, therefore an increase in the number of less serious incidents reported is viewed as positive

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| 7 | Reduce alcohol related crime by continuing to support the Vale Nightsafe scheme working positively with licensees to reduce town centre violence. | <p>The CSP Projects Officer co-ordinates the Nightsafe meetings and campaigns.</p> <p>The Nightsafe group reviewed the terms and conditions of the scheme with Abingdon and Wantage pub watch. A Nightsafe charter was drawn up for all licensees to adhere to. The charter states that pubs signed up to Nightsafe must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign up to the pubwatch scheme and regularly attend meetings • sign up to the drugs prevention initiative • have an age awareness policy in place • consider and sign up to the benefits of the radio link scheme (where applicable) • ensure that all bar staff are trained in fire safety drills, drugs awareness and managing alcohol misuse • support local Nightsafe campaigns and display information • where door supervisors are in place, agree that they will wear something highly visible. |

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| | | <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Abingdon, eight premises have signed up to the scheme. Further premises will have the opportunity to sign up to the initiative through pub watch meetings during the year. The new scheme will be launched in Wantage at the pubwatch meeting on the 17 August 2011. <p>The CSP has funded six drugs dogs operations in the Vale at a total cost of £2100. There were two operations during the year in Abingdon, Faringdon and Wantage.</p> <p>The police patrols are high visibility and send out a clear message to the public that drugs misuse is not acceptable in licensed premises.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 premises visited. • Class A drugs three finds • Class B drugs one find • Arrests four <p>The data collected from these operations is used to work positively with the designated premises supervisors and the licensee, to improve standards.</p> |
| 8 | Increase the reporting of domestic abuse (DA) | <p>The Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategy Group oversees all policy and activity to respond to DA issues in the county. For full details please use the link below http://www.reducingtherisk.org.uk</p> <p>The CSP part funds an outreach service in the Vale. A2 Dominion delivers the service. During 2010/11, there were 28 new referrals. The source of referrals included self referrals and the police domestic abuse unit.</p> <p>Outcomes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 clients completing a programme of support • 7 moving to a refuge • 7 refused to engage • 1 reconciled with partner • 1 referred to the high risk service • 3 no support required/ refused to engage |

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| 9 | Sustain the domestic abuse champion network | <p>There is a network of 177 frontline domestic abuse champions across the South and Vale, who are trained to support victims and signpost them to help and support.</p> <p>The champions come from a wide range of organisations. Some of the workers are health visitors, teachers, social workers, housing officers, emergency nurses, education officers, youth workers, family support workers, midwives, crown prosecutors, fire officers and probation officers.</p> <p>The CSP part funds the County Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator who runs the champions network.</p> <p>Outcomes: The champion's main aim is to make services to victims more accessible and available. From speaking to victims, it has been noted that every time they see a different organisation they have to explain their situation again. Working with a champion means that they do this only once and then the information collected at their first visit is passed to the other organisations directly.</p> |
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MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF ACQUISITIVE CRIME

| | 2008/9 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | % +/- | Target met |
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| burglary dwelling | 215 | 196 | 162 | -24.6% | √ |
| robbery business property | 3 | 2 | 2 | -50% | √ |
| robbery personal property | 11 | 11 | 14 | +27% | X |
| theft of vehicle | 136 | 87 | 78 | -42.6% | √ |
| theft from vehicle | 309 | 262 | 234 | -24% | √ |
| Total | 674 | 558 | 490 | -27% | √ |

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| 10 | Reduction in acquisitive crime by funding the Anchor/Mears small repairs scheme during 2010/11 | <p>The funding enables the Police Crime Prevention Reduction Advisors (CPRA) to make referrals, for elderly and vulnerable victims, to the scheme to prevent repeat incidents. The work carried out ranged from door chains, lever deadlocks, sensor lights, door bars and memo-cams fitted.</p> <p>Outcomes: 119 referrals, £9882 – average cost £83.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abingdon area 71 (60%) referrals • Wantage area 43 (36%) referrals • 35 referrals due to individuals/families identified as vulnerable • 14 referrals due to domestic abuse incidents • 12 referrals related to burglary offences <p>Mrs C Door chain and mirror fitted by Anchor. <i>“It is such a relief to know there is a service to help with the jobs that keeps the home ticking over and can help in emergencies – I am a widow”.</i></p> |

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| <p>Oxfordshire County Council, Trading Standards - Rogue Trader Days</p> | <p>There have been three partnership days of action in the Vale organised by the Crime Prevention Reduction Advisor (CPRA) and the doorstep crime team from Trading Standards. The days involved staff from Trading Standards, police officers from the Neighbourhood Policing team, and waste management officers from Vale District Council.</p> <p>21 July 2010 event 27 traders stopped and checked</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two males were stopped from completing work on an elderly gentleman's home in Grove near Wantage; they were served with a harassment warning and dealt with for two trading standard offences. A cheque for £217 was stopped and the victim was prevented from giving the offenders a further £500. A memo cam was installed at the victim's home because he has been targeted previously for gardening work. • The CPRA and the neighbourhood team distributed about 80 information packs to residents in Grove to raise awareness and prevent further incidents. <p>10 March 2011 event As a follow on from the first rogue trader day and the intelligence gained Grove was identified as a hot spot for rogue trader activity. The CPRA set up a "No Cold Caller Zone" (NCCZ) in the Ormond Road area of Wantage and the old part of Grove, due to the large number of distraction burglaries there (approximately 1500 homes). The NCCZ has made a huge impact locally. The police and trading standards are receiving calls about rogue traders and information about companies breaching the NCCZ.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have also received lots of anecdotal evidence from people who say they feel safer and more confident when dealing with doorstep callers. |
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| 11 | Crime prevention initiatives | <p>Trap vehicle - £4015 The vehicle was deployed 27 times across the Vale. One deployment recorded positive results and resulted in an arrest and custodial sentence.</p> <p>Digital door viewers £2070 The CSP purchased 20 digital door viewers. They are designed to prevent repeat victimisation and collect evidence of nuisance callers. The viewers have been installed, at the properties of elderly and vulnerable tenants who had been a victim of distraction burglary.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p><i>“Mrs N said, “It’s marvellous. I am very happy with the door viewer and I feel more confident when someone calls at the door.”</i></p> <p>Burglary prevention campaign – The CSP joined forces with Thames Valley Crimestoppers to help local people cut Christmas crime. Local police teams kept an eye out for properties that looked empty and put advice cards through the door with simple steps to help people keep their homes safe encouraging residents to use timer switches to give the illusion of someone being at home.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CRAs said it had had a positive impact on reducing the number of burglaries. <p>The CSP funded 2000 bike labels, for £398, for local police neighbourhood teams to attach to parents and students cycles to prevent theft. In the event of theft the tamper proof lable helps the police to identify the owner of the stolen bicylce. All local schools are engaging with the PCSO’s to visit the schools regularly to code additional cycles and educate cyclists on road safety.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take up was very strong. TVP and the schools want to run the operation again. |
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REDUCE THE HARM CAUSED BY DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE

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| 12 | Ensure residents of the Vale have access to treatment services | <p>Smart - Community Drug and Alcohol Service. A mobile unit visits Wantage and Faringdon weekly.</p> <p>The locations of the unit are reviewed regularly to make sure they are responding to local needs.</p> <p>The unit is open to everyone, (young people and adults), who want help for their own use, referrals to other services or into SMART, harm reduction advice, needle exchange and family and carers advice. More information is available at: www.smartcjs.org.uk</p> <p>Smart - Case study: A new client who had a drinking problem became down and wanted to end their life. They wanted to stop drinking and went to their local doctor who referred them to the Smart Van.</p> <p>Initially they were reluctant to visit however, they just happened to be in town on the same day as the Smart van. "I arrived just as Eamon and Simone were about to leave, we stood in the rain talking because the van was packed ready to leave, that's how close I was to missing them."</p> <p>The client has continued to visit on a weekly basis. They have been able to talk about their personal problems, which have allowed them to look at things more clearly. "There are difficult times, when I am on my own and I am able to reflect on the conversations I have had with the support workers and I find this is a great help. I am sure that I am a different person from the one that first stepped into the Smart van."</p> <p><i>"Both Eamon and Simone put me very much at ease, I am very confident in talking to either of them. I don't get any impression that they judge me, they are only there to support me through this difficult time in my life. "The client reported that the service was easy to access; they can call in while shopping in town, and don't have to</i></p> |

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| | | <i>travel too far. "If the Smart van wasn't there, then I seriously wonder if I would still be here."</i> |
| 13 | <p>Pursue Abingdon town centre order to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in public places</p> <p>Designated Public Place Order (DPPO)</p> | <p>The order has in been in place since May 2009, providing confidence for officers when seizing alcohol from people behaving in an anti-social manner.</p> <p>Outcomes: ASB in the town has reduced over the past two years and the local neighbourhood team report that the order has aided their positive approach to policing the town centre.</p> |
| 14 | <p>Continue to develop an enhanced confiscation of alcohol from young people project. Develop a programme of education and support for young people, parents and guardians.</p> | <p>Under "Operation Maverick" the Abingdon neighbourhood team have agreed a process for referring young underage people caught repeatedly with alcohol to a workshop at the Abingdon Bridge. Letters are sent out to parents/guardians after the first offence together with advice leaflet, 'Your kids and alcohol'.</p> <p>1 July 2010 to 21 June 2011: 99 letters to parents/guardians 74 males, 25 females</p> <p>Ages of the young people when found drinking: 13 years – 3 14 years – 4 15 years – 13 16 years – 35 17 years – 44</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of the 99 young people TVP have referred 15 (14 males and 1 female) have been referred for a second time. They received a home visit and referred to the workshop. <p>The Abingdon Bridge have lottery funding for a further two years and will continue to provide workshops and alcohol intervention programmes for young people in Abingdon.</p> <p>In Wantage and Faringdon when young people are found in possession of alcohol the TVP Anti Social Behaviour Team sends a warning letter to parents/guardian. An advice guide is also included.</p> |

REDUCE THE OFFENDING RATE OF PRIORITY AND PROLIFIC OFFENDERS

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| 15 | Review the Priority and Prolific Offender matrix annually ensure that it reflects the Vale priorities | <p>The matrix was reviewed during 2010/11. However, the scheme is now run centrally from Oxford.</p> <p>Integrated Offender Management brings together the Probation Substance Misuse Team, the Drug Intervention Project and the Prolific and Priority Offenders team into one unit. This approach ensures prolific offenders, those tested positive for Class A drugs in police custody and those under Probation supervision with a Class A drug addiction could all be dealt with seamlessly, and the necessary targeted support provided.</p> <p>In 2010/11 the results of this intensive work was recorded Oxfordshire wide, however for 2011/12 the details will be specifically available for South and Vale area.</p> |

IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY

| | 2008/9 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | % +/- | Target met |
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| People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents | 53 | 58 | 71 | Base line year 2007/8 = 60 +18% | No |
| Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents | 6 | 3 | 7 | Base line year 2007/8 = 5 +40% | No |

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| 16 | Target speeding and dangerously parked vehicles through neighbourhood action groups | <p>Stickers on Wheelie Bins (pilot project)</p> <p>The pilot areas for this project were Milton, Chilton and Harwell and Watchfield, Shrivenham, Longcot and Bourton. The CSP contributed £1326 together with the parish councils who contributed £800 and distributed the stickers in their areas.</p> <p>The speed indicator device (SID) was used periodically from the 11 May 2010 to the 24 Feb 2011 to gauge the level of the speeding problem before the use of the stickers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton village, 7 hours, 1226 vehicles recorded, 4 vehicles speeding. • Harwell village, 35 hours, 5390 vehicles recorded, 123 were speeding. • Chilton village, 3 hours, 254 vehicles recorded, 4 vehicles were speeding. <p>If drivers are caught driving in excess of the speed limit they are stopped and spoken to, their registration details are taken and kept on record.</p> <p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall reduction in speeding. <p>The SID will be deployed during the second quarter in the following year to assess any change in driving habits.</p> |

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| | | <p>Inner Abingdon Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) – school project</p> <p>The Inner Abingdon NAG set up a project aimed at parents who were parking inconsiderately outside local schools. Parents were reminded of the importance of zig-zag lines and asked not to park on pavements to keep them free for pedestrians. This project has supported a review of the county school travel plans and is being promoted to other schools as best practice during 2011/12.</p> <p>The CSP funded high visibility bands that can be worn by cyclists or pedestrians whilst walking to school. The fluorescent bands wrap around school bags and clothing to ensure people can be seen and be safe.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Abingdon primary and secondary schools were visited. 1000 bands were distributed at a cost of £620. The bands have proved popular with staff and parents with further enquiries from the school asking for suppliers details. |
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Vale of White Horse District Council - Community Safety

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| Area Based Grant (ABG) | ABG | ABG | ABG | BCU Fund | Total |
| Income | Capital | Revenue | Total | Total | Funding |
| | Reduced by 50% | | | | |
| Income 2010/11 | 14,889 | 90,679 | 105,568 | 45,500 | 151,068 |
| Grant from Sovereign Vale Housing Association | | | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| Carry Forward 2009/10 | | 3,200 | 3,200 | - | 3,200 |
| Total Income | 14,889 | 98,879 | 113,768 | 45,500 | 159,268 |
| Expenditure (Actual & Committed) | | | | | |
| Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator - District | - | 33,000 | 33,000 | - | 33,000 |
| Community Safety Project Co-ordinator - District | - | 35,000 | 35,000 | - | 35,000 |
| Anti-Social Behaviour Assistant - TVP | - | - | - | 12,500 | 12,500 |
| Crime Reduction Advisor - TVP | - | - | - | 32,000 | 32,000 |
| Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator - OCC | - | 6,500 | 6,500 | - | 6,500 |
| IRIS running costs- TVP | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | 1,000 | 6,000 |
| Nightsafe | - | 2,100 | 2,100 | - | 2,100 |
| Target Hardening - Anchor Small Repairs Scheme | 4,000 | - | 4,000 | - | 4,000 |
| Domestic Abuse Outreach – A2 Dominion | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | 5,000 |
| Alcohol Awareness project for parents and young people | | 1,500 | 1,500 | - | 1,500 |
| Community Safety Projects | 10,889 | 10,779 | 21,668 | - | 21,668 |
| Total Vale Initiatives 2010/11 | 14,889 | 98,879 | 113,768 | 45,500 | 159,268 |
| NB: £7059 c/fwd to 2011/12 | | | | | |
| LAA Reward Funding £24,112 revenue £24,112 capital currently on hold until further notice | | | | | |