



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

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Police Authority Challenge Sees Burglary Fall On South Bank

Members of Humberside Police Authority have received a very positive report from the Chief Constable outlining the actions being taken to address burglary on the south bank of the Humber.

Members had raised concerns earlier in the year that burglary figures on the South Bank were at odds with the improving performance elsewhere across the force. Therefore, they asked the Chief Constable to put a strategy in place to address the burglary problem.

The resulting Operation Pulse has seen dedicated officers purely working to address burglary. This includes checking that each reported burglary is indeed a burglary and not an attempt to defraud, using swift visits to the scene of the crime. Known offenders are being carefully targeted and a burglary 'toolkit' has been developed as part of a crime prevention package with other agencies.

Alene Branton MBE, Chair of Humberside Police Authority, said: "Members were delighted to see that in the current economic climate, when burglary is a national issue, figures for this type of crime on the South Bank have gone down. Between 1st April to 31st August 2009, the figures for burglary in A Division (Grimsby and surrounding areas) show a reduction of 20.1% compared to the same period in 2008 and in B Division (Scunthorpe and surrounding areas) the figures had dropped by 28.6% over the same period.

"The Authority had been concerned to see the sudden increase in the number of incidents in 2008-09, and while no-one is complacent, we are pleased that the problem is being effectively addressed and congratulate those who have worked tirelessly to bring this about. We are now back on track on the South Bank.

"This is what we do. We highlight any fluctuations in performance and where we can see a problem we challenge the Chief Constable to take action, as we know

we are here to act on behalf of the people who live in the Humberside Police area. “

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