

**Public Protection & Safety  
Policy Development and  
Scrutiny Committee**

**Alcohol and Violent Crime**

**Tuesday 1 February 2011**

**Alcohol & Public  
Protection**

- Alcohol and Health Issues
- Alcohol and Young People
- Alcohol and Communities
- Alcohol and Crime

**National Alcohol Strategy:**

- Reducing Alcohol Related Crime
- Tougher Enforcement of Underage Sales
- More Help for Those who Want to Drink Less
- Trusted Guidance for Parents and Young People
- Information Campaigns
- Review of NHS Spending
- Public Consultation on Alcohol Pricing
- Development of Local Alcohol Strategies

**Public Perceptions of  
Alcohol Pricing**

- 63% of “Sensible Drinkers” said they had witnessed any alcohol-related crime and disorder in the last 12 months.
- 18% of “Increasing” and “Higher Risk” drinkers and 9% of “Sensible drinkers” admitted to having engaged in any alcohol-related crime or disorder in the past 12 months.

## Public Perceptions of Alcohol Pricing saferbromley partnership

- Alcohol was seen as contributing to levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, as well as to the nation's health problems.
- Cheap alcohol was more likely to be thought to contribute to levels of crime and levels of anti-social behaviour than alcohol in general.
- 65% agreed with the statement that 'the amount people drink in this country is out of control'

## Health:

- Bromley Drinkers:
  - Hazardous - 32,008 men  
- 25,944 women
  - Harmful – 13,207 (4.3%)
  - Alcohol Dependent – 14,359 (6%)
  - Binge Drinking – 32,191 (10.7%)

## Health:

- Total Number Alcohol Attributable Hospital Admissions 07/08 were 4625
- Admissions Rose for Both Men and Women Between 2003 and 2007
- Admission Rates Rose at a Steeper Rate in Bromley than in Comparable PCTs
- Hospital Admissions for <18s was 118 (2005/06-2006/07)
- Admission Rates for People Under 18 are Higher in Bromley than London and Most Comparable PCTs

## Young People:

- National
  - 2008 – 52% of 11-15 yr olds Reported Drinking Alcohol, Compared with 62% in 1998
- Bromley (Tell Us 4 (yrs 6, 8 & 10))
  - 42% Had Drunk Alcohol
  - 13% Had Been Drunk

## **Alcohol and Violent Crime**

- ❖ **Outline of Licensing Issues**
- ❖ **The Police Experience**
- ❖ **London Ambulance Service**
- ❖ **The “Trade” Perspective**
- ❖ **On the Streets – Street Pastors**
- ❖ **Questions and Discussion**

**Paul Lehane**

**Head of Food, Safety and Licensing**

## **Bromley:**

- **Over 700 Premises Licensed for the Sale of Alcohol**
- **750 Temporary Event Notices**
- **1 in 10 Businesses Hold a Licence for Alcohol**

## **Democratic Control:**

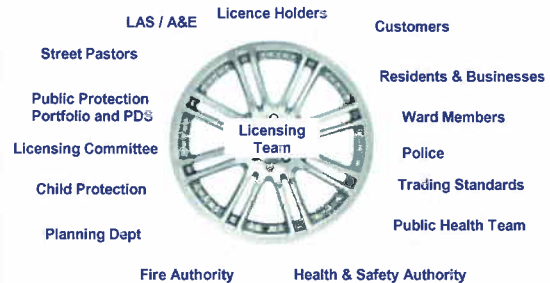
- **The Licensing Function Falls to the General Purposes and Licensing Committee (15 Members)**
- **Licensing Sub Committee Hearings (3 Members)**
- **Licensing also Impacts on the Delivery of the Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Plan and the PDS Committee**

## **Licensing Act 2003 Key Points**

**Duty on the Council and Businesses to  
Promote the Licensing Objectives :**

- Prevent Crime and Disorder
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Public Safety
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Publish a Licensing Policy

## **Licensing Team – The Hub of the Wheel**



## **Licensing Policy 2011-2014**

**Key changes:**

- Strengthening of the Council's Commitment to the Principle of 'Deemed Refusal' in Areas Subject to Special Policies of Cumulative Impact.
- Endorsement of a 'Challenge 25 Policy'
- Added a Section on Underage Sales
- Added a Section on Drugs

## **Reviews:**

- Anyone can Apply for a Review of a Licence
- Fresh Look at how the Business is Working to Promote the Licensing Objectives
- Council can Suspend (up to 3 Months) or
  - Revoke a Licence
  - Remove Licensable Activities
  - Remove DPS
  - Add or Vary Conditions

### **Reviews:**

**21 Reviews applications made since 2005**

- Police 9
- Violence 4
- Drugs 3
- Withdrawn 2
- Trading Standards Underage Sales 8
- Public Health Noise 3
- Ward Member 1 for Breach of Conditions

### **Reviews:**

**1 Licence revoked**

**11 Licences Suspended**

**1 Reduced Hours of Operation**

**1 No Action Taken**

**18 Had Licence Conditions Varied**

### **Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill**

**Early Morning Alcohol Restriction  
Orders:**

**Council can Make an Order  
Prohibiting Supply of Alcohol  
Between 12 Midnight and 6am**

### **Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill**

**Late Night Levy:**

- Can Charge a Levy on Premises Selling Alcohol Between Midnight and 6am
- 70% must go to the Police
- Detail of scheme will be set out in Regulations

**Police Reform and Social  
Responsibility Bill**

**Allow Local Authorities to Use Measures  
such as Fixed Closing Times, Staggered  
Closing Times and Zoning Where  
Appropriate (Statutory Guidance).**

**Introduce Presumption that Licences will  
be Reviewed and Revoked Following  
Evidence of Persistent Underage Sales  
(Statutory Guidance).**

**Partnership Work**

**Chief Inspector  
Malcolm Noone**

**Metropolitan Police  
Bromley**

**Crime Types  
Considered**

**Grievous Bodily Harm  
Actual Bodily Harm  
Common Assault  
Disorder offences  
(Drunkenness)**

### Bromley Town Centre All Times

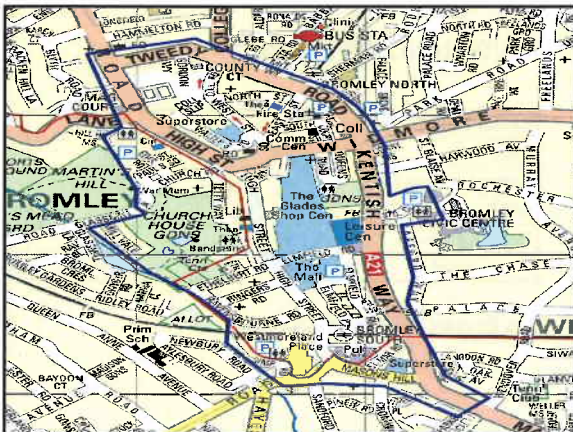
Crime Type	2006	2010
ABH	173	144
Common Assault	145	180
GBH	12	19
Public Order	171	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>473</b>

This Shows a Reduction in  
Total Offences of 5.4%.

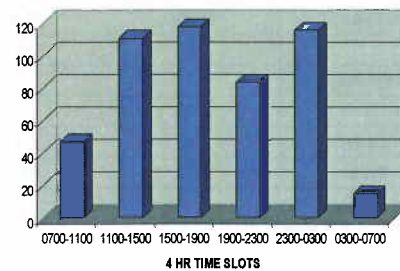
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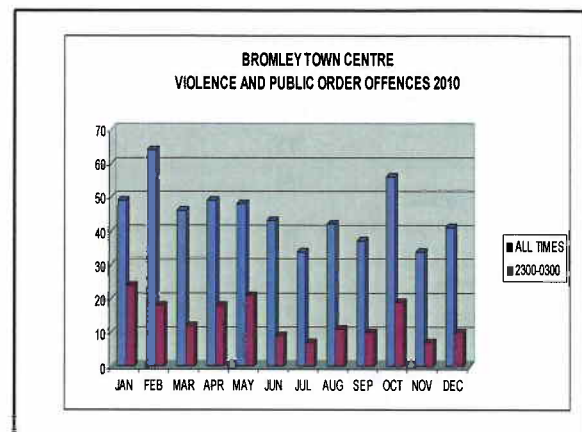
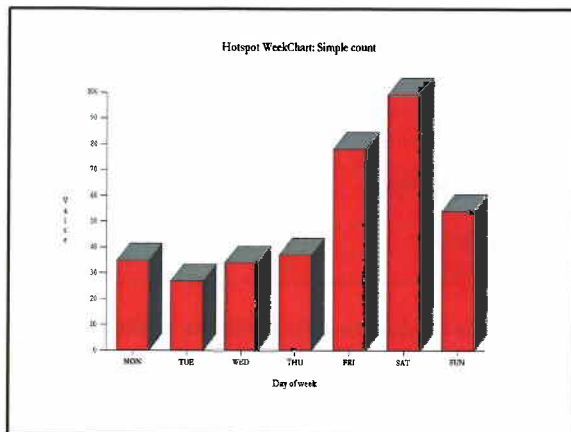
Crime Type	2006	2010
ABH	68	41
Common Assault	29	28
GBH	9	2
Public Order	61	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>116</b>

This Shows a Reduction in Total Offences of 30.5%



### BROMLEY TOWN CENTRE VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES





### Beckenham Town Centre – All Times

Crime Type	2006	2010
ABH	57	44
Common Assault	43	29
GBH	6	9
Public Order	53	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>110</b>

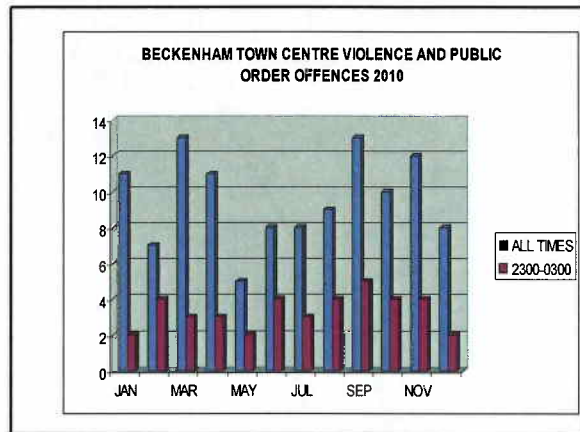
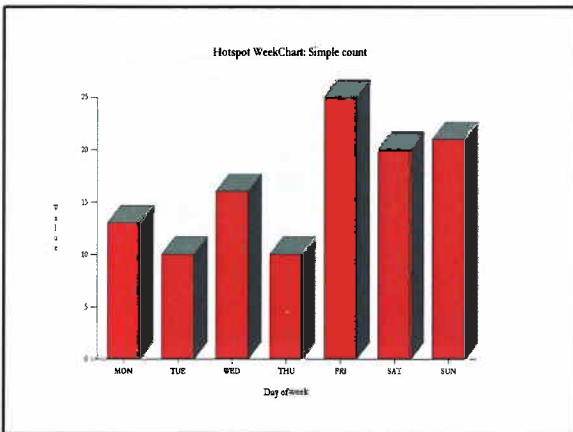
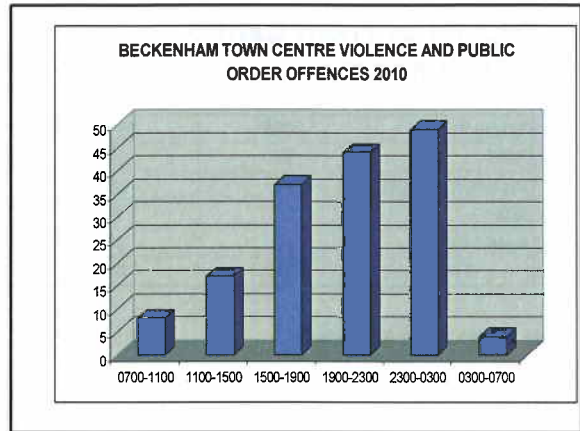
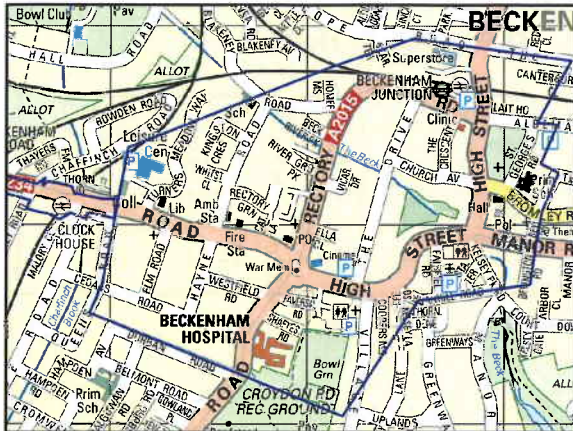
This Shows a Reduction of 30.8%.

### 23:00 to 03:00 Hours

Crime Type	2006	2010
ABH	23	20
Common Assault	8	12
GBH	3	4
Public Order	15	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>39</b>

This Shows a Reduction of 20.4%





### Orpington Town Centre – All Times

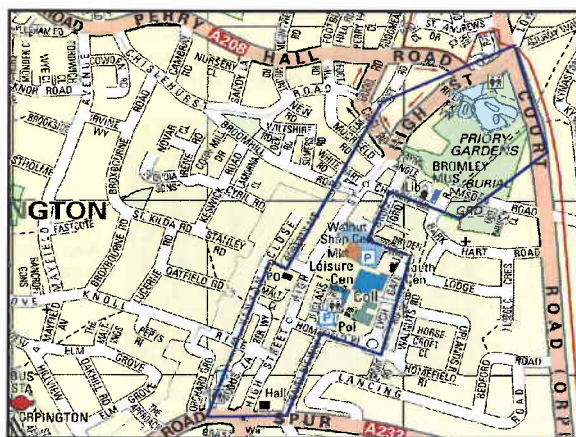
<b>Crime Types</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2010</b>
ABH	37	12
Common Assault	47	29
GBH	2	6
Public Order	22	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>83</b>

**This Shows a 23% Reduction.**

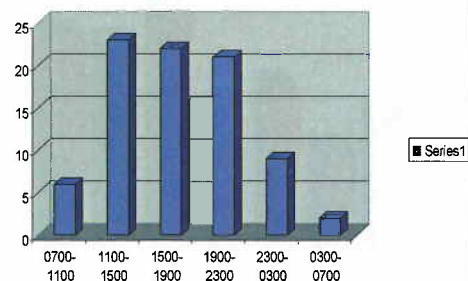
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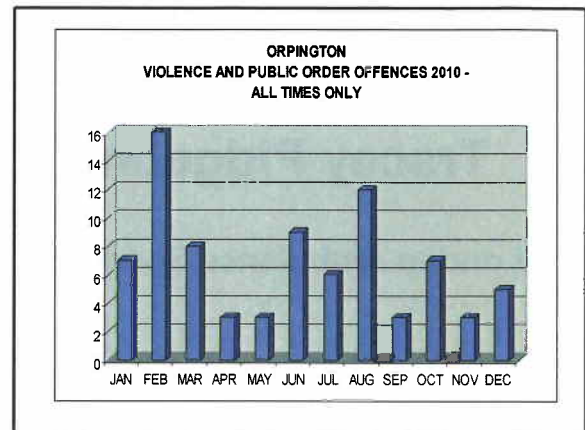
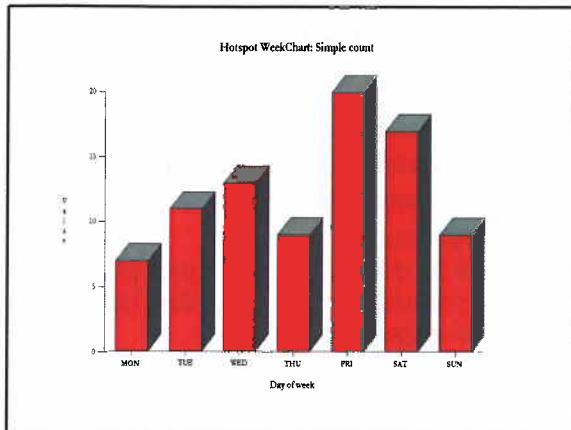
Crime Type	2006	2010
ABH	9	3
Common Assault	2	3
GBH	0	2
Public Order	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>

**This Shows a 25% Reduction.**



**ORPINGTON HIGH STREET VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC  
ORDER OFFENCES 2010**





### How Did We Arrive At Where We Are?

- Partnership Working
- Police/Local Authority Licensing Units
- Licensees
- Door Staff
- Street Pastors
- Taxi Marshalls
- Police Shift Patterns
- Responsible Businesses

### Considerations For The Future:

- More of the Same
- Vigilant of Change, Flexible in our Response
- Uniform Presence
- Early Intervention
- Transport Links – Crowd Dispersal
- Responsible Drinking (Education)
- Best Bar None

## **Tracey Pidgeon**

**London Ambulance Service**

### **Alcohol Related Incidents in Bromley**

**January to December 2010:**

- 1315 incidents (978 primary reason)

772 male / 530 female

**Age range :**

21-30 (259)	0-10 (9)
41-50 (253)	80+ (32)
31-40 (247)	

### **Alcohol Related Incidents in Bromley**

- Time of Day – Midnight to 2am Sunday
- Saturday Highest but Fairly Consistent Across the Week
- No Clear Seasonal Trends
- Majority Went to PRUH
- 123 Declined Aid Against Advice

### **Alcohol Related Incidents in Bromley**

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| • Ward /Postal Sector with Highest Incident Number | • Ward / Postal Sector with Lowest Incident Number |
| – Bromley Town (203)                               | – Darwin (7)                                       |
| – Penge & Cator (97)                               | – Shortlands (20)                                  |
| – BR1 1 (129)                                      | – BR8 (8) / SE6 (3) / TN14 (7)                     |
| – SE20 7 (91)                                      |  |

### Alcohol Related Incidents in Bromley

Borough	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Bromley	1391	1352	1405	1357	1312	1315	8132
Kingston	984	1124	1205	1182	1038	1212	6745
Bexley	860	938	995	965	1003	1017	5778
Richmond	838	978	946	992	923	964	5641
Croydon	1865	1825	2100	2099	2373	2219	12481

### Alcohol Related Incidents in Bromley

- No Borough Data

**2009 -10 350 Incidents  
(168 Alcohol Related)**

**2010 -11 84 Incidents  
(48% Alcohol Related)**

**Andy Bawn**

**Chairman  
Bromley PubWatch**

**Tracy Sickel**

**Street Pastors**

## **Questions & Discussion**