

# Local Policing in Wigan 2007-2008



Greater Manchester  
Police Authority



Local officer advises residents to follow simple crime prevention advice and protect their 'Heritage'

## MORE OFFENDERS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE IN WIGAN AND LEIGH

**Police officers and staff across the Wigan Division have continued to fight crime and protect people with a number of high profile operations during the past year.**

Between April and September 2006, police on the Wigan Division detected more burglaries and robberies and brought more offenders to justice than ever before. Burglars and robbers are now three times more likely to be caught and convicted than in the previous year.

To build upon these results, Operation Heritage was launched in October 2006 to catch even more offenders and provide an enhanced service for victims of burglary and robbery. It involves assigning specialist officers to attend all burglary and robbery incidents and make crime prevention advice more readily available to local communities through the distribution of advice packs and leaflets in hotspot areas.

Operation Heritage is still ongoing and officers are keen to reassure residents that they will do everything in their power to bring those responsible to justice.

Wigan police are also determined to crack down on all forms of anti-social behaviour and have been working with partners and residents to do this. As a result of information provided by the local community, officers from Atherton's Neighbourhood Policing Team were able to close a 'crack house' on the Hag Fold Estate, which was the first closure of its kind in Wigan. Criminal damage also reduced by over 10 per cent across the borough over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period, thanks to the education and enforcement initiative, Operation Treacle.

These types of operations will continue and police officers and staff across the Wigan Division will continue working hard to make all areas of Wigan even safer places to live, work and visit.

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# YOUR COMMUNITY YOUR POLICE

Wigan Division is divided into five areas. Each area has an Inspector who heads a team working to fight crime and protect people in your local community. There are 457 police officers and 204 police staff working on the division including 55 police community support officers and 48 special constables.

## DIVISIONAL COMMANDER



### Chief Superintendent LEE BRUCKSHAW

Over the next twelve months I am determined to ensure that we continue to tackle the issues you identify as a priority, such as anti-social behaviour and criminal damage.

All five neighbourhood policing teams across the Wigan borough are working relentlessly with partner agencies and residents to make our communities even safer places to live. Crime continues to fall across the borough and we are now bringing more offenders to justice than ever before. I aim to build upon this with the continued development of neighbourhood policing and more high profile police and partnership operations.

We have achieved many good results in the last year but there is still a lot of work to do and I am committed to providing an efficient and effective policing service to the people of Wigan, Leigh and the surrounding areas.



### PEMBERTON Neighbourhood Inspector Bob Pell

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Pemberton policing also covers Orrell, Billinge, Winstanley and Wigan South (incorporating Worsley Hall, Marsh Green, Norley Hall, Worsley Mesnes and Hawkley Hall).

Over the past 12 months we have conducted operations to tackle burglary and vehicle crime. Operation Heritage aims to improve the security of buildings in areas where burglary is more prevalent and has led to a reduction in this crime with one in three burglaries detected. We have also undertaken a number of vehicle crime operations targeting the theft of satellite navigation systems. Operation Batter tackled the nuisance caused by off-road motorcycles – offenders were identified, bikes were seized, warnings were issued and arrests made.

Our crime priorities for the coming year will be to continue to reduce vehicle crime and combat anti-social behaviour.



### HINDLEY Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Jones

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Hindley policing also covers Pennington Green, Hindley Green, Ashton-in-Makerfield and Bryn.

Various initiatives and operations have been undertaken over the past 12 months to tackle issues within the area. Operation Ashcroft has focused on anti-social behaviour and off-road motorbikes, resulting in a reduction in anti-social behaviour and youth nuisance. Operation Knife, which commenced in July 2006 and is still ongoing, was implemented to tackle vehicle crime by identifying and targeting prolific offenders.

We will continue to focus on these issues over the next 12 months, including identifying the causes of, and solutions to, violent crime and developing ways to combat youth nuisance in conjunction with our partners.



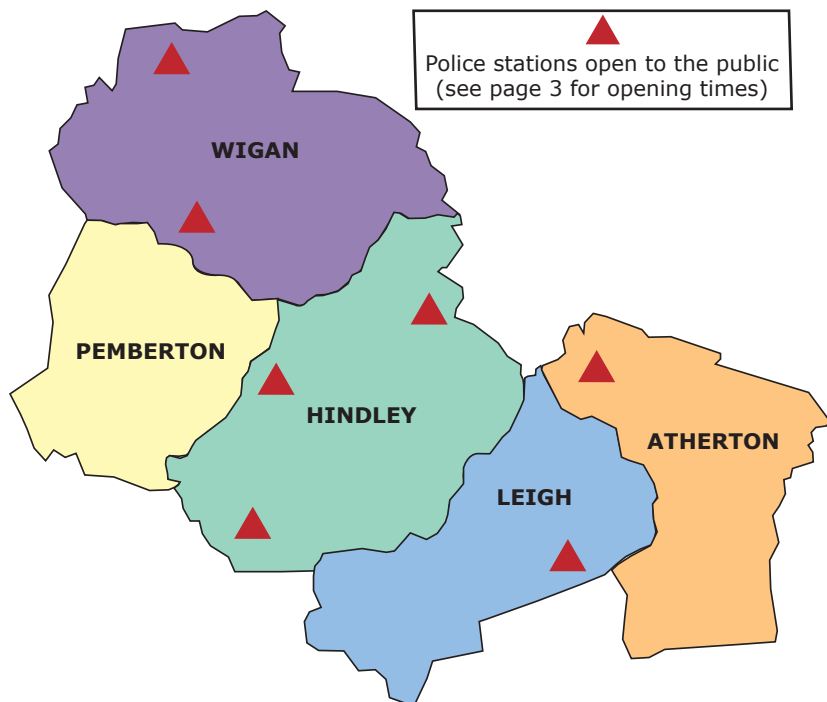
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Wigan policing covers Wigan town centre, Standish, Aspull, Shevington and Appley Bridge.

Over the past 12 months we have implemented ten operations to bring offenders of burglary and vehicle crime to justice. A group of representatives from partner agencies who work within communities at a local level has been formed in Shevington to tackle anti-social behaviour. The group has had much success in targeting those responsible and similar groups are planned in other parts of Wigan.

Priorities for the coming year include improving links with our communities by forming residents groups and holding community surgeries with police community support officers to improve our accessibility to the public.





## IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 999

For reporting non-emergencies, your first point of contact should be:

# 0161 872 5050

### ▲ Wigan Divisional Headquarters

#### Wigan Police Station

Robin Park Road, WN5 OUP  
Opening times: 24 Hours  
Station has disabled access

### ▲ Ashton-in-Makerfield Police Station

51 Old Road, WN4 9BG

Opening times: 9am - 5pm Mon - Sat  
Station is closed on bank holidays  
Station does not have disabled access

### ▲ Atherton Police Station

Flapper Fold Lane, M46 0HA

Opening times: 9am - 5pm Mon - Sat  
Station is closed on bank holidays  
Station has disabled access

### ▲ Leigh Police Station

Chapel Street, WN7 2PG

Opening times: 24 Hours  
Station has disabled access

### ▲ Hindley Police Station

Castle Hill Road, WN2 4BJ

Opening times: 2pm - 5pm Mon - Fri  
Station is closed on bank holidays  
Station has disabled access

### ▲ Standish Police Station

High Street, WN6 0HD

Opening times: 9am - 5pm Mon - Sat  
Station is closed on bank holidays  
Station does not have disabled access

### ▲ Bamfurlong Police Station

Bryn Gates Lane, WN2 5JY

Opening times: 9am - 5pm Mon - Sat  
Station has disabled access



## ATHERTON

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Atherton policing also covers Tyldesley, Astley and Mossley Common.

Over the past 12 months, we have conducted focus groups with local partners and councillors to assist in tackling crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour. A recent initiative led to Wigan's first ever closure order of a 'crack house' on the Hag Fold estate, which had been causing serious problems of nuisance and disorder to local residents.

Our priorities for the next 12 months will include strengthening our partnership working with key agencies to reduce all aspects of street level crime including anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, burglary and vehicle crime.



## LEIGH

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Leigh policing also covers Lowton and Golborne.

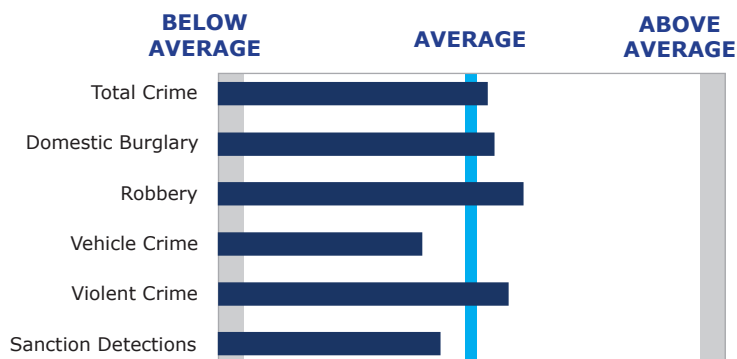
We have carried out various initiatives with our partners to address key priorities. Local people have received crime prevention advice on how to secure their properties, an alleygating scheme was introduced to 'gate off' alleyways that may be used by criminals and vehicle crime prevention days were held in all three towns. In addition, young people identified as being responsible for anti-social behaviour continue to be made the subject of good behaviour agreements and this work is carried through into the high schools.

During 2007/08, we will continue to work with our partners to reduce anti-social behaviour, tackle street crime and raise public awareness of vehicle crime.

## OUR PERFORMANCE IN 2006/07

In our divisional policing plan for 2006/07, we made commitments to deliver a number of policing improvements. By successfully working in partnership with others we have:

- **Reduced domestic burglary by 13% (175 fewer crimes)**
- **Reduced vehicle crime by 4% (144 fewer crimes)**
- **Increased the number of sanction detections\* for burglary by 114% (113 more detections)**
- **Increased the number of sanction detections\* for vehicle crime by 13% (30 more detections)**



The graph shows how crime in Wigan compares to other similar areas of the country. Policing areas that share characteristics are grouped together to help compare and assess their performance. The vertical blue line represents the average performance in our group of areas. The horizontal bars show how Wigan's performance compares to our peers for several key aspects of policing.

\*A sanction detection is recorded when an offender is charged, reported for summons, cautioned, reprimanded, receives a final warning, has other offences taken into consideration or receives a penalty notice or street warning.

## FORCE PRIORITIES FOR 2007/08

The Police Authority has set four annual priorities for the Force this year. For details of these priorities and how they are determined see **page 2** of the **Annual Policing Plan**. This shows how our annual priorities take account of the National Policing Priorities set by the government, as well as consultation with the public, Police Authority and other agencies.



## ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

**Greater Manchester Police Authority ensures that Greater Manchester Police are efficient, effective and accountable to local people. They have set up a number of schemes for members of the public to assist in this process.**

### INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUPS

Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) are groups of people who give their time to discuss key policies and procedures, and advise GMPA and GMP on policing issues so they reflect the diverse communities of Greater Manchester. The groups may also be asked to give advice on particular police operations in dealing with critical incidents.

They act as a 'critical friend' to the police by providing independent advice, to ensure that community issues are addressed and liaison and trust with communities is improved.

People who live or work in Greater Manchester can become independent advisors. They should listen, consider, question and challenge in a constructive way. They should express their views, compromise, negotiate as necessary, and take an active interest in issues that affect equality of opportunity and diversity.

There is an IAG in each of the policing areas of Greater Manchester. There are also a number of additional IAGs who advise on issues relating to race, disability and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues.

If you would like an IAG application pack, or would like information on other Police Authority consultation projects, **please visit our website: [www.gmpa.gov.uk](http://www.gmpa.gov.uk) or tel: 0161 793 3127 or fax: 0161 793 2019 or email: [info@gmpa.gov.uk](mailto:info@gmpa.gov.uk) or write to: Greater Manchester Police Authority, Salford Civic Centre, Chorley Road, Swinton, Salford, M27 5DA.**



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**The Wigan and Leigh Community Safety Partnership** brings together partners from the public, community and private sectors to tackle key issues around reducing crime and disorder in Wigan.

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Greater Manchester Police is one of the largest forces in England and Wales, employing 8,000 police officers and over 4,000 police staff in over 700 different roles. Being part of such a large force brings fantastic opportunities and challenges. Working for GMP means being part of an organisation which is dedicated to fighting crime and protecting people.

For more details on recruitment opportunities within GMP visit: **[www.gmp-recruitment.co.uk](http://www.gmp-recruitment.co.uk) or tel: 0161 856 2333 or write to: GMP Recruitment Unit, Chester House, Boyer Street, Manchester, M16 0RE.**



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