

Total Enforcement in Newham

2010-2011

London Borough of Newham – Community Safety

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Background

- Better more imaginative use of regulatory powers
- Initially piloted by the Joint Licensing Team as a problem solving tool
- Developed better joint/partnership working
- Extended to other enforcement services within the Council – planning, private sector housing, trading standards, business rates, food safety, property services, internal audit
- Including external partners such as UKBA, HMRC, National Minimum Wage

Objectives

- Sends a clear message to residents and businesses about pro-active regulation
- Targeted at priority areas
- Practitioner lead approach
- Consistent with top 10/20 approach
- Business disruption/problem solving
- Keeps focus on enforcement
- Long game is to achieve compliance
- Support of elected Members and Mayor

Advantages to Newham(1)

- Dedicated Police resources
- Empowers officers
- More imaginative use of powers of seizure, closure, detention e.g. shisha bars
- Increases profile of regulatory services to encourage compliance e.g. counterfeit alcohol
- Proceeds of Crime for lifestyle offences – counterfeit brand name clothing operation 21 June 2011
- Swift response time as based on 'intelligent intelligence'

Advantages to Newham (2)

- Partnership working – success begets success
- HMRC – fortnightly operations
- Fear of crime reduced (livability survey)
- Newham as a responsible service provider e.g homelessness
- Newham's hidden population e.g. bogus colleges
- Revenue evasion – business rates, commercial rents
- Level playing field for businesses

YATES (as it was)



- Venue was a severe drain on Police and public service resources.

- The environmental features/ music/ unprofessional door staff/ unsuitable clientele resulted in regular disorder.





Now known as Langthornes, the venue has been transformed. It is well managed and the venue has fully engaged with Police to make improvements.

The venue is no longer a problem and is a good example of improving the night time economy.

The Rex Nightclub



- Continual risk and problem crime generator. Linked to gangs and firearms for many years.
- Research on licence and insolvency checks revealed venue was trading without a licence.
- Bailiffs took possession of venue which is now under the control of Newham Council.

The Focus Building / Brimstone House E15



- Previously a crime generator
- 210 rooms to house the vulnerable
- Potential to house 800 people, significant numbers with criminal convictions
- Evidence gathered, impact statements, cctv and historic incidents were recorded over the previous year
- Partnership approach
- Improved security
- Environmental changes
- Diversion activity
- Suitability to reside Scheme, effectively a vetting scheme between the Police and the management of the Focus Building
- This has had a result in improving the clientele of the night time economy

Club Afrique



- Previous crime generator, a number of violent incidents including shootings.
- Problem solving process - Joint Police/licensing, health and safety, noise and nuisance all produced evidence. Reported to Inland Revenue for financial irregularities.
- The cost to remedy the outstanding acoustic report was substantial, £7000.
- In light of the combination of these factors the venue closed.

Club Los Robles and Club Ashiana



- Both Closed – As a result of partnership working
- CIMOS surveys highlighted these are the worst clubs they have seen in the past 12 years
- Owner of Club Ashiana was given a night and day tagging order for repeated breaches of the licensing act.

The Victoria Tavern



- DPS removed for association with football hooliganism.
- Effective use of legislation to reduce outside drinking
- A measure to reduce violence in Newham.

The Tollgate Tavern



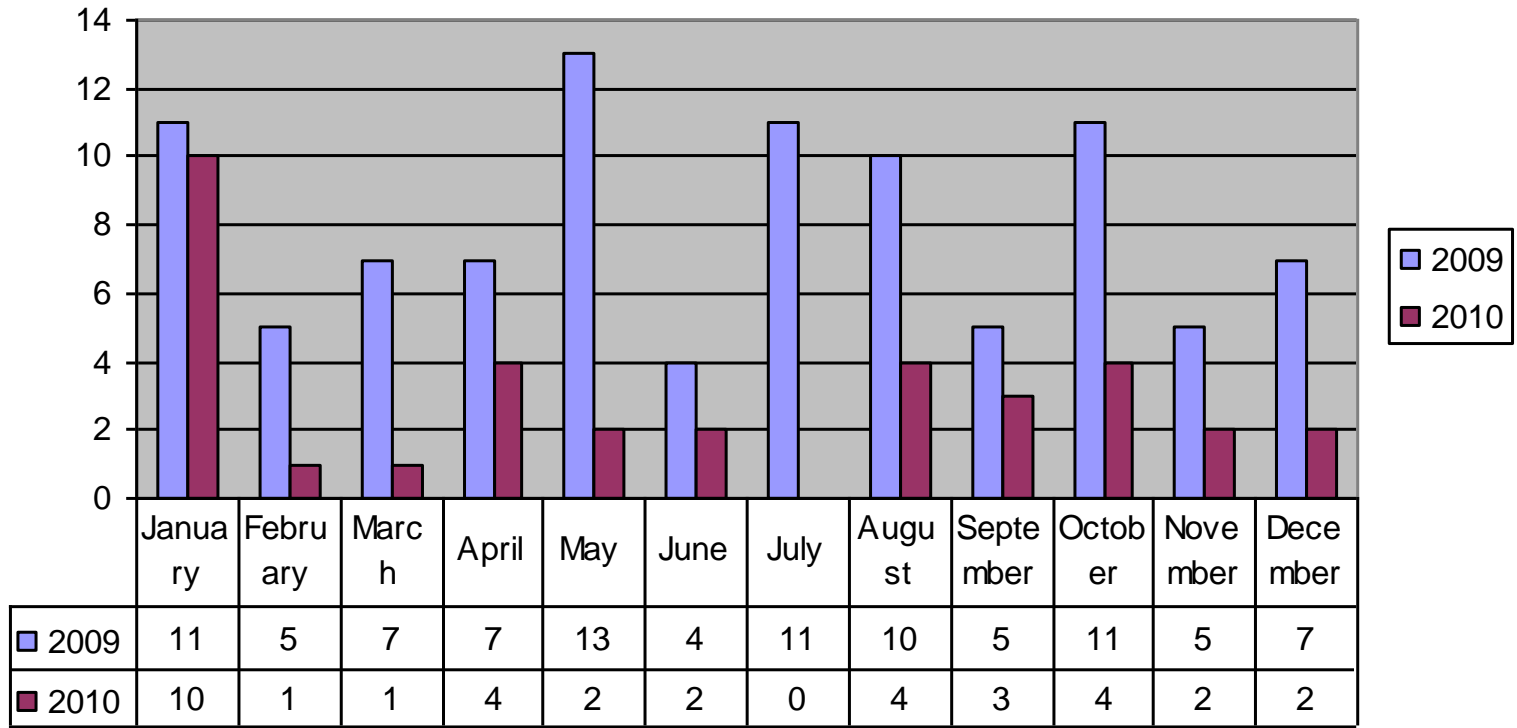
- Venue had a history of drug offences and violence.
- With Customs information regarding importation of drugs the venue was closed.
- New management and the Brewery's readiness to employ stringent new conditions has resulted in a well, trouble free establishment.

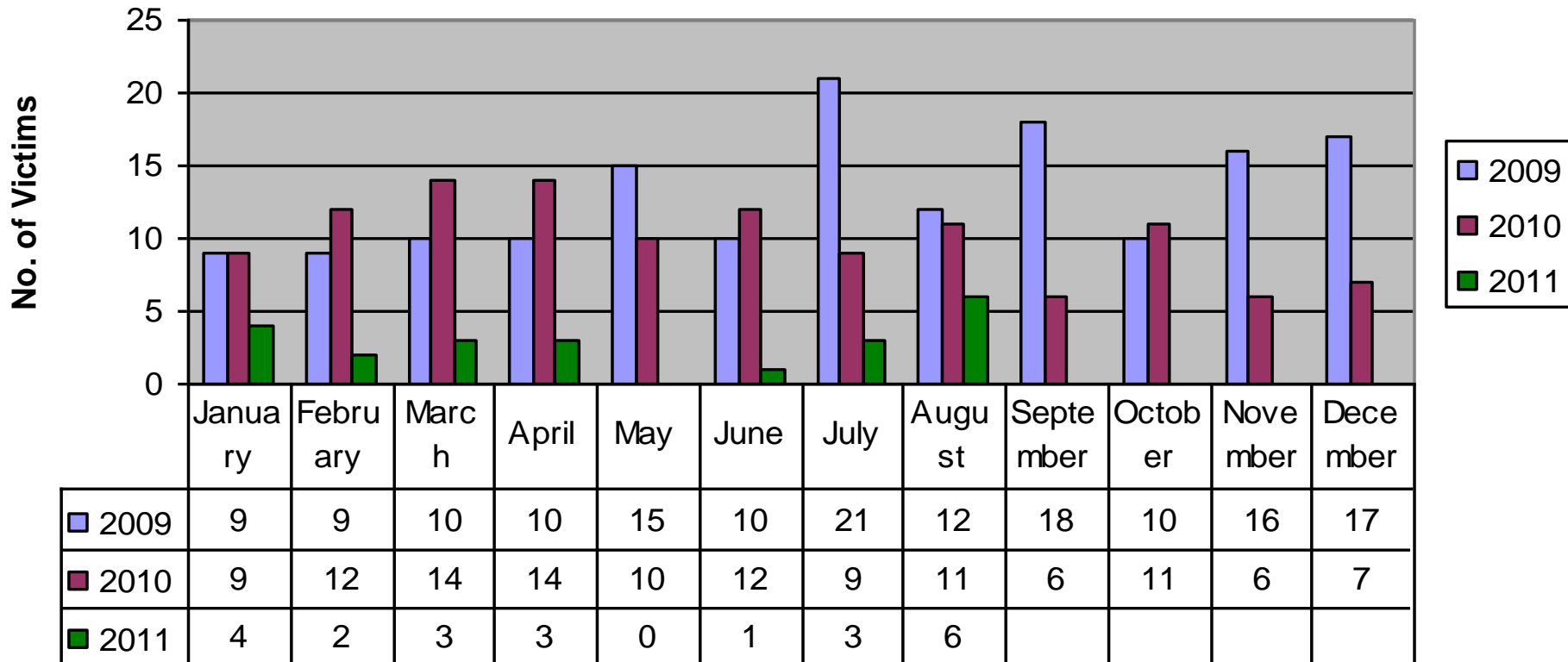
The Castle



- History of violence, breach of licensing conditions, frequented by gangs,
- Failure of DPS to provide crucial CCTV of serious violence
- DPS removed and is currently shut

GBH Figures





Key Successes to date – 2010/11 (1)

- Aggressive shop owner visited by team following routine food hygiene visit. 2 arrests, 1 for deportation and over 20 forged passports and 260 cases (£45,000) of illegal alcohol
- Uncovered serious fraud for Homeless Persons Units for 3 London boroughs (hotel now for sale)
- Counterfeit alcohol finds down from 80% to 15% in off-licences
- Over 50 arrests in chicken shops of illegal migrants that drive down the living wage and sustain joblessness in Newham

Key successes to date - 2010/11 (2)

- Over 20 shisha bars closed – seizure of pipes and tobacco
- April 2010 to date 24 reviews of licensed premises and 11 expedited reviews
- First tagging order issued for Licensing Act offence
- 3 worst crime generating licensed premises licences revoked due to insolvency checks

Key Successes June 2011

- 21 June 2011 588 boxes of counterfeit branded goods to a value of over £100K seized plus £7K POC
- 15 June counterfeit and duty evaded wine and spirits to value of £4.5K seized from off-licence
- 9 June 2011 - 7 bogus colleges with total of 4,500 students discovered
- 9 June 2011 unlawful shisha bar entry forced 35 evidence bags of pipes and tobacco seized. Discovered 20 cockerels thought to be fighting cockerels.

Next stage

- Need to become more regularised and programmed
- Can become more strategic – more input from Members
- Need to link in with our enforcement priorities
- Also to be part of Communications Strategy
- Need to forge better relationship with Magistrates Courts to achieve deterrent sentencing