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Working Together during 2015-16

The introduction of ASB Networks across Northumbria has been a great example of partnership working and the need for local solutions to local problems.

Last year North Tyneside Council and I joined forces to launch a support group for victims and recruited a network of fully-trained volunteers to offer advice and guidance to those affected by ASB in the area. The aim of the initiative was to help victims of ASB to cope and recover following an incident or sustained attacks.

The scheme was welcomed by local residents and has helped to improve satisfaction levels in the local tenant survey, which found that 100 percent of victims felt they had been supported throughout the duration of their case.

Following this success I went on to fund an ASB Volunteer Network in all other local authority areas helping to address key priorities outlined in my Police and Crime Plan: - putting victims first, tackling ASB, and improving community confidence.