# Safer Streets

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| **Date** | Monday 23 June 2025 | **Time** | 1 - 2 |
| **Attendees** | • Lynne Roberts - Sanctuary Housing<br>• Sarah Omell - Community safety partnership<br>• Steph Good - Neighbourhood Watch<br>• Maria Goodwin - YMCA<br>• Zoe Doran - Research Officer, Public Health<br>• Katie Chivers - Imagine This... Youth Council, YMCA, Torbay Communities<br>• Jo, Lisa & Rebekah | | |

**Agenda**

- Discussion: food poverty and link to increasing supermarket theft
- The Neighbourhood Watch project
- Ongoing links with the police
- Weavers Benevolent Funding bid
- AOB

**Summary**

## Discussion: food poverty and link to increasing supermarket theft

- Urgent issue of adolescent food poverty identified through conversations with Youth Justice Service
- Youth Justice Service reports supermarket food theft now top concern, surpassing violent crime
- Food for Thought project launching:
  - Collaboration between Imagine This and Local Motion
  - Utilising community centres with kitchens to provide food and cooking education
  - Pilot starting at Windmill Centre with youth worker support
  - Research component to gather data on adolescent food poverty
  - Sarah Omell suggested getting in touch with local Co-ops as they may like to be involved - regularly experience theft, could help with prevention
  - Tanny mentioned Torbay Place Leadership Board 'themes of intervention' includes food poverty and young people
  - Could integrate some consultation on this topic into Davina's Castle Circus project

## The Neighbourhood Watch project

- Jo & Lisa have been in conversation with Neighbourhood Watch at a local level, and now at national level
- NW has funding to provide workshops for 16-25s to gather their views on street safety and facilitate youth-led social action
- Something to consider as we've been approached by several entities to assist in gathering views from young people

**Ongoing links with the police**

- Community Reference Group meeting on September 2nd, 10am-12pm at Livermead Cliff Hotel
  - Chaired by Chief Superintendent Roy Linden
  - Seeking youth involvement, especially older teens/young adults
- Monthly scrutiny panel reviewing body camera footage
  - Requires online training for community members to participate
- Webinar on facial recognition technology on July 9th, 10am-12pm
- New child-friendly policing unit established for Torbay
  - Led by Inspector Rachel Manifield
  - Aims for earlier intervention with youth, pre-investigation

**Weavers Benevolent funding bid**

- £15,000 bid for youth crime prevention activities at People's Parkfield
- Collaboration between multiple partners: Taleblazers, Moor to See Music, Cycle Torbay, Fuel Youth
- Focuses on providing positive activities for youth involved with Youth Justice Service
- Aligns with current Youth Justice practice model emphasizing strengths and future-focus
- Due July 3rd, awaiting decision

**Upcoming Youth Celebration Event**

- Scheduled for August 18th at Parkfield House
- Will showcase youth talents and partner activities
- Plans include open mic, skate park involvement, and food

**Evolving Youth Engagement Strategy ("Double Loop")**

- Developing platform for youth voices
- Leveraging collective power to ensure decision-makers listen
- Creating conditions for action based on youth input
- Details still being finalised, more information to come

| Actions | Owner |
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| Share webinar and scrutiny panel opportunities | Lisa |