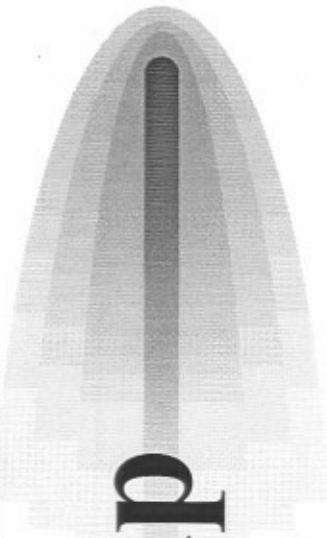


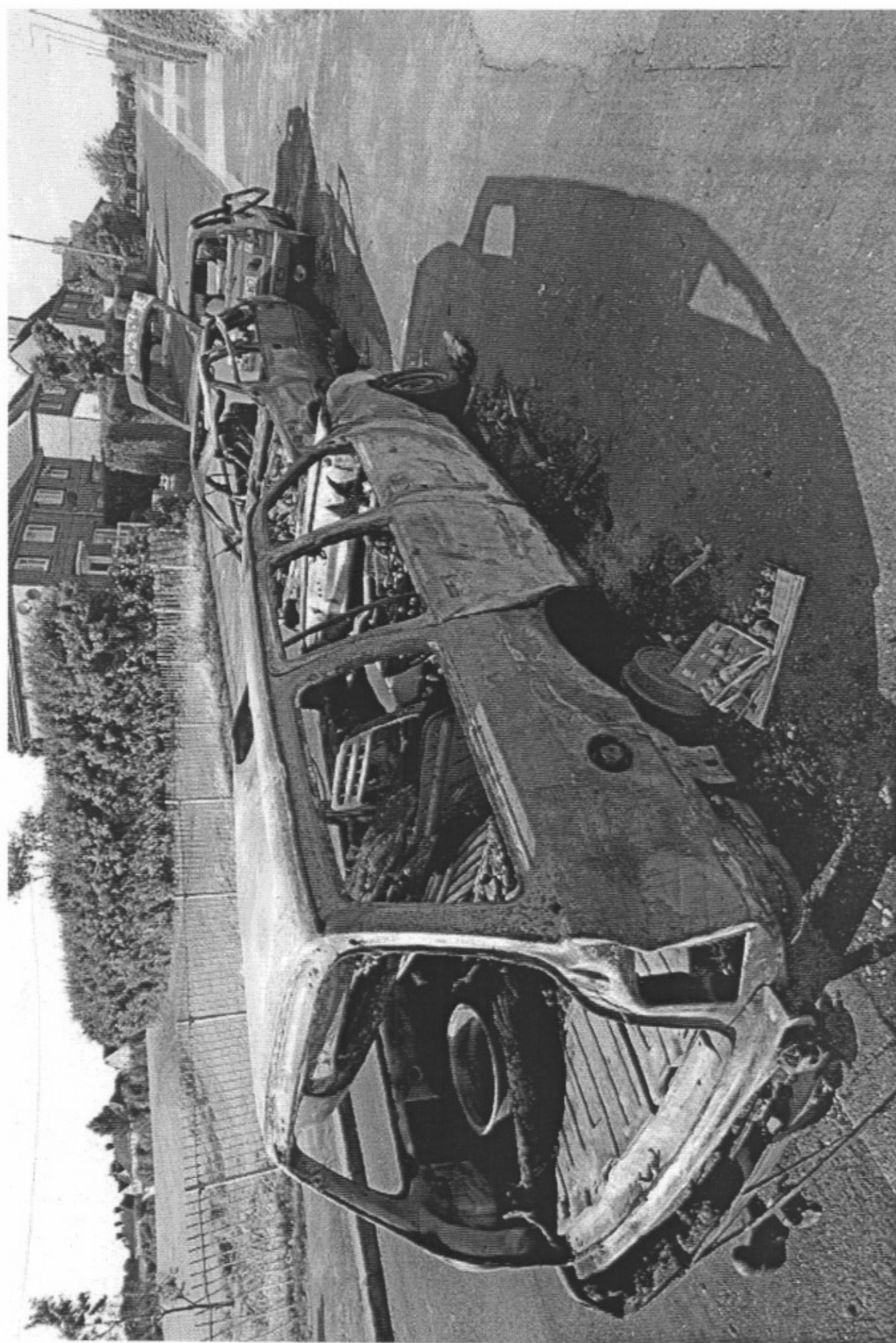
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WHOSE PROBLEM?

EVERYBODY'S

Local authority

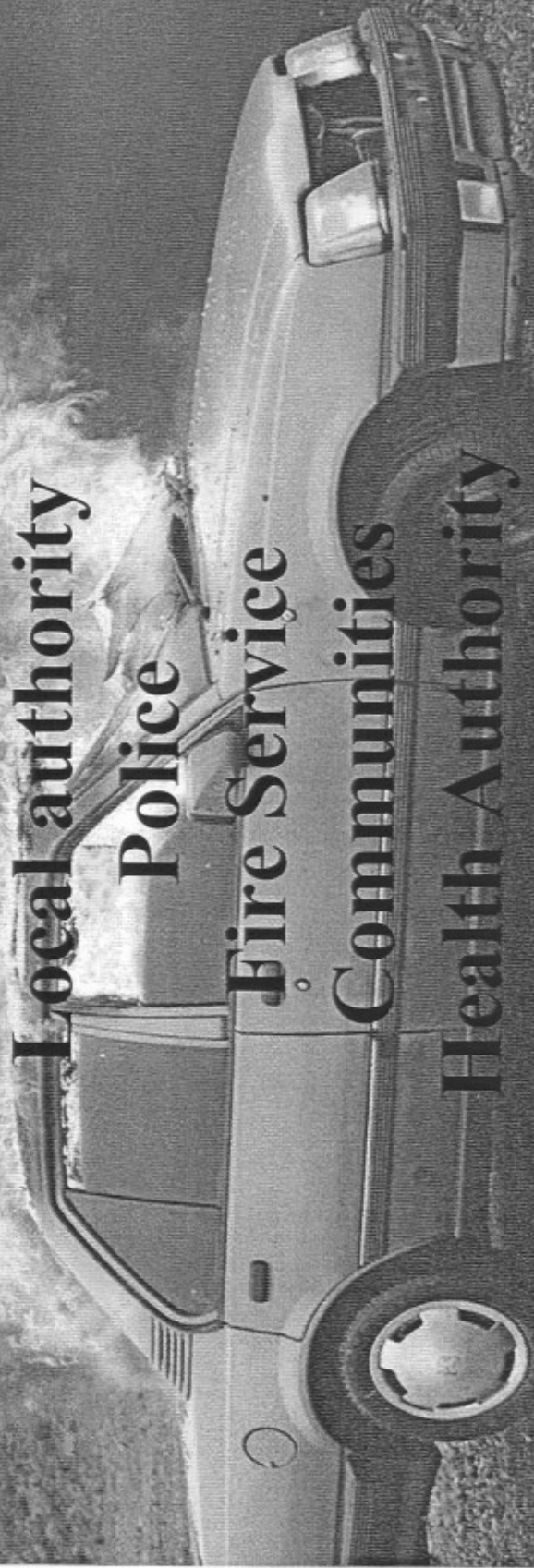
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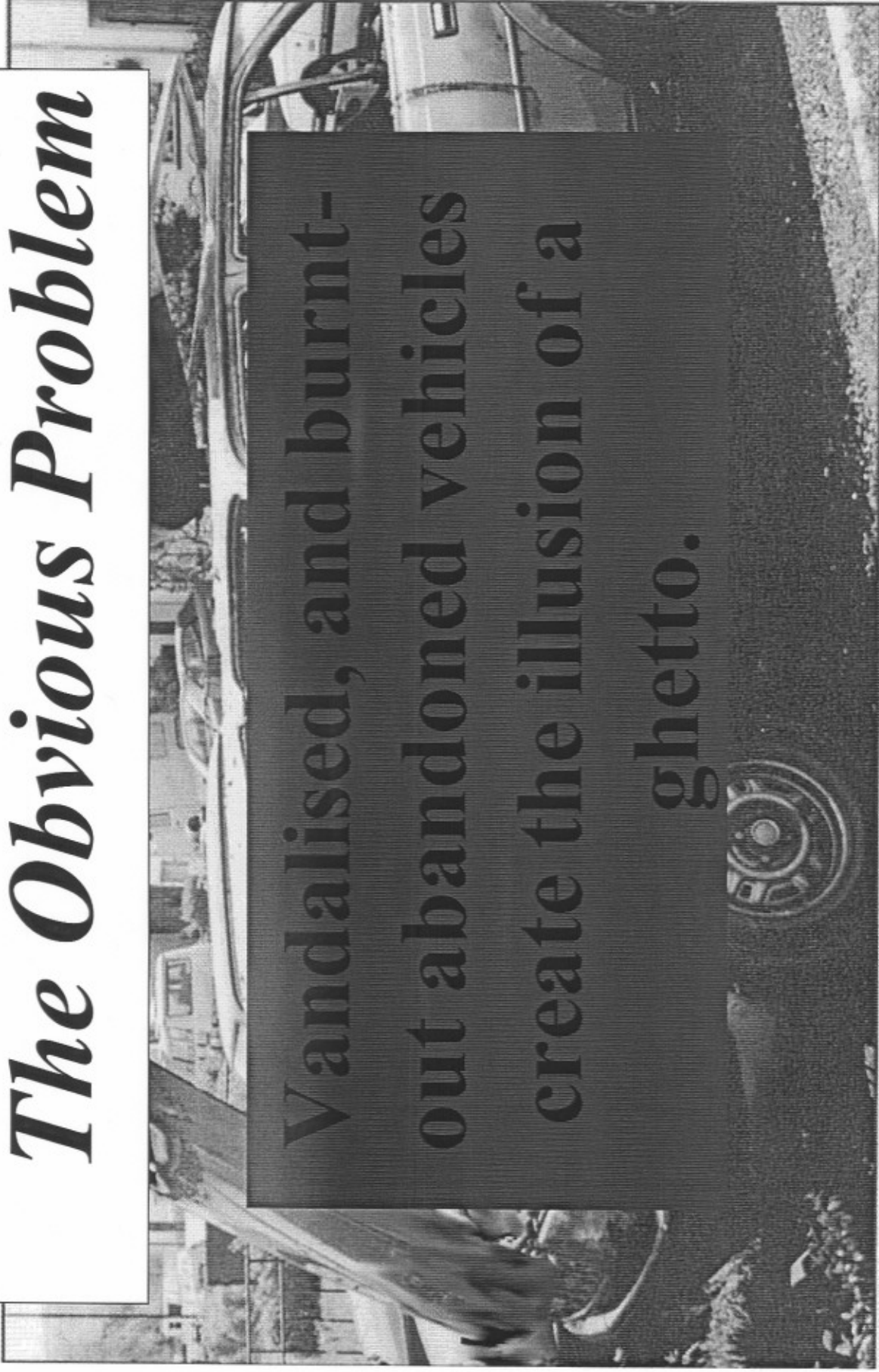
Health Authority

£4000.00 per incident



The Obvious Problem

Vandalised, and burnt-out abandoned vehicles create the illusion of a ghetto.



The Beginnings of Car Clear in Bristol



Fire Brigade approach Police with problem of vehicle arson in Bristol in 1999

South Bristol Police District and Bristol City Council already had a successful partnership ridding the streets of burnt out vehicles

Car-Clear strategy devised and piloted in South Bristol over a 9 month period

Car Clear Achievements



- Operational across Avon since 2002
- 450 vehicles removed each month
- 90% immediately crushed
- 500 calls per month to the Hot Line
- Vehicle Arson reduced by 20%
- Over 1000 officers trained
- Fully Mainstreamed and funded by local authorities
- Safer Streets

Car Clear Plus Chester Partnership

- Blacon Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder
- Chester City Council
- Chester & District Housing Trust and Rangers
- Cheshire Fire Brigade
- Cheshire Police Force
- £132,000 from the Arson Control Forum

Car Clear Plus Chester Partnership

The Scale of the Problem since 1998

- 641% increase in vehicle arson in Chester
- 538% increase in vehicle arson in Blacon
- 89% of all property arson fires in Chester are vehicle fires
- 45% of all vehicle arson in Chester occur in Blacon

The Strategy



Community Awareness

Leaflets,
Hot-Line

Dedicated Youth
Worker

Targeting of Offenders

Poster
Campaign,
Impact
Roadshow

Local Authority
Removal Schemes
Hot-Spot Removals,
Owners request
& Amnesties

Training and
Monitoring
Department Managers
Police Officers
Local Authority staff
Removal Contractors

The Strategy



Targeted Removals

Vandalised Vehicles

High Risk Vehicles

Removed within 30 minutes of
identification using existing
contractual arrangements

The Relevant Legislation

- The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
 - Section 99
 - Identifies the categories of vehicle which the Police, or Local Authority, may use their powers to remove. Included in these are vehicles which have been abandoned in such
 - POSITION • CONDITION • CIRCUMSTANCES
- as to be *likely* to cause a danger to other *Road Users*

The Relevant Legislation

- The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

- Section 101

Allows the authorities to immediately remove a vehicle

....identified under section 99.....

...and *dispose of it* in such manner as they think fit - to

minimise storage this means.....

CRUSHING

The Removal Schemes



Hot Spot scheme

Pool Vehicle Removal

Operation 24 hours a day .. 7 days a week

Removal Criteria



- An illegally operated vehicle
- Owned by no-one, used by many
- With an “involved in crime” flag on PNC
- Always un-taxed and un-insured

The Relevant Legislation

Compensation and Litigation



- The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
 - Section 101
 - Compensation **must** be paid to, or vehicle returned to, any individual proving ownership of a vehicle removed under these sections after they have paid such sums in respect of its removal, storage, and disposal (section 102)

As may be prescribed to the authority

Does it Work - Blacon

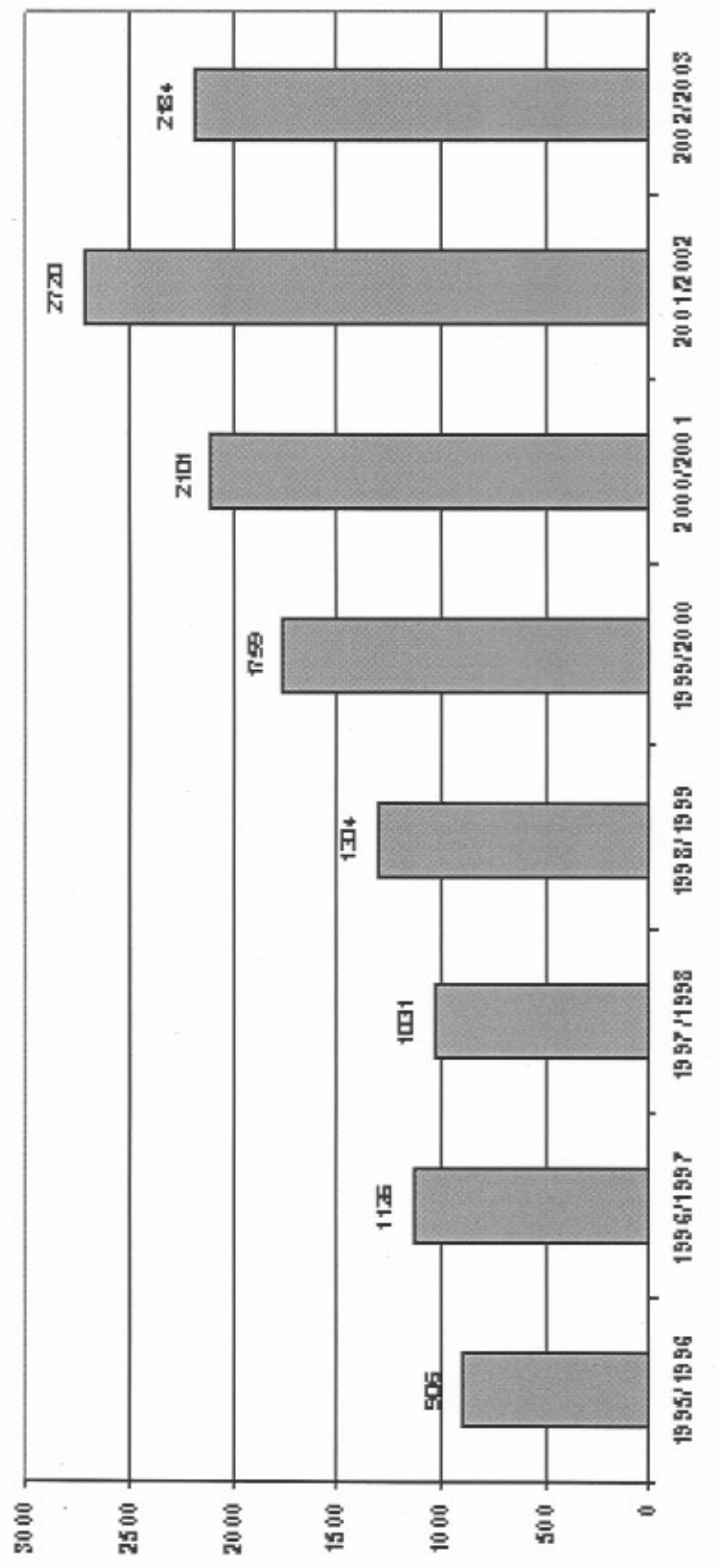


Car Clear Plus Partnership has had an immediate impact in Blacon Chester:

- 37.5% Reduction in Vehicle Arson
- 38.5% Reduction in abandoned Vehicles in Blacon
- 58% Reduction in Abandoned Vehicles on Housing Association Land
- 8000 Leaflets Delivered
- Data Sharing

Does it Work – Avon and Somerset

Vehicle Arson Fires



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