

Four arrested in Open Door crime swoop.

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DESIGNER clothes, cash and suspected drugs were seized by police acting on information given through a crime-fighting scheme.

Four people were also arrested during a day of action in Brackenwood, north Leeds. Police searched two houses after information was collected through the Open Door project on Lidgett Lane and matched up with details on the force's intelligence systems.

At the first address, officers found thousands of pounds worth of suspected stolen designer clothes as well as substances thought to be crack cocaine, cocaine and cannabis.

A man and a woman were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs and money laundering. A man was arrested at the second address for failing to pay a fine and the final arrest was of a man believed to have breached his bail conditions.

As well as last Friday's operation, local schoolchildren worked with Police Community Support Officers outside school gates to check the speed of passing vehicles, catching several speeders.

Leeds City Council and Leeds North East Homes organised a litter pick which collected two van-loads of rubbish and police also seized an uninsured motorbike.

Thousands of leaflets with information about people subject to anti-social behaviour orders were distributed, asking residents to get in touch if they knew of a breach, and the Environment Agency looked at possible environmental problems and will investigate these.

PC Dave Brook, who runs Open Door, said: "This has been another successful initiative for the area which has brought together all of the relevant agencies to shake up Brackenwood, remove any problems and set them on their way for a fresh start. There is still more to come.

"The local community have been extremely forthcoming with information and are working well with the police and our partners to improve the area.

"The results are already beginning to show so I would encourage anyone who has information to call in and see us on Lidgett Lane at the weekly surgery, which is every Monday from 10am, or ring us on 0113 2668607. This is a great way to report crimes and anti-social behaviour as all of the relevant agencies are located under one roof and available to offer assistance."

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